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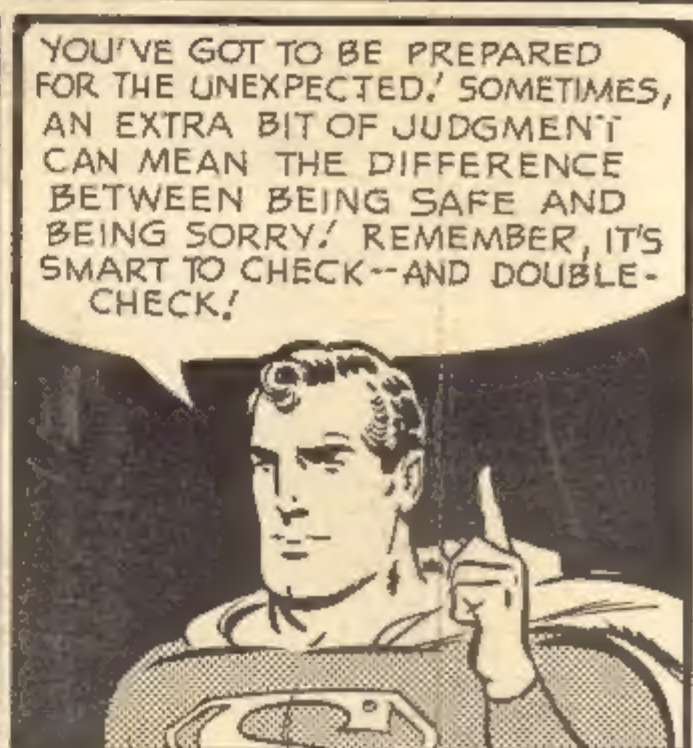
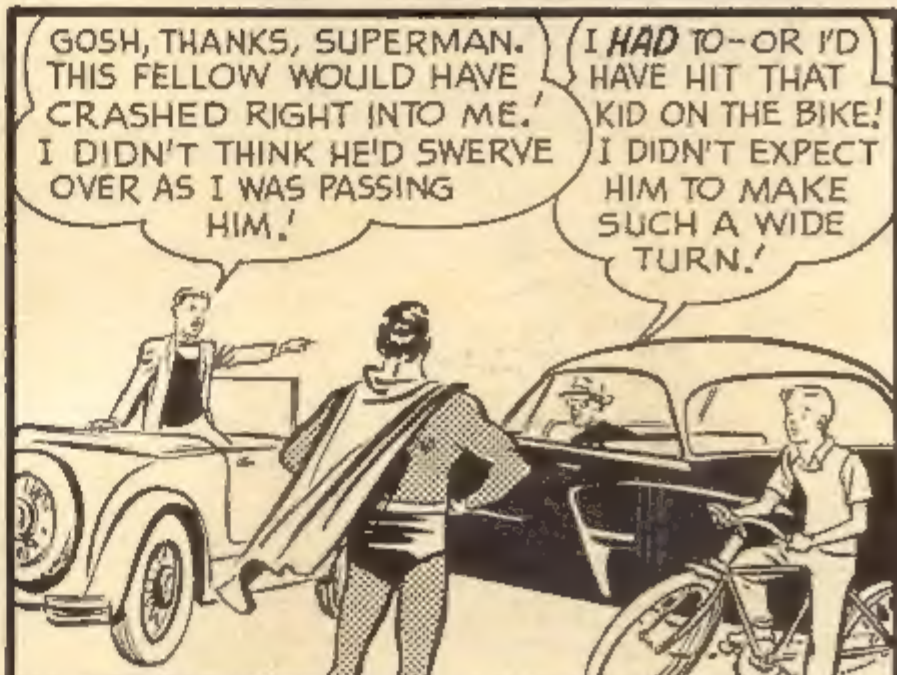
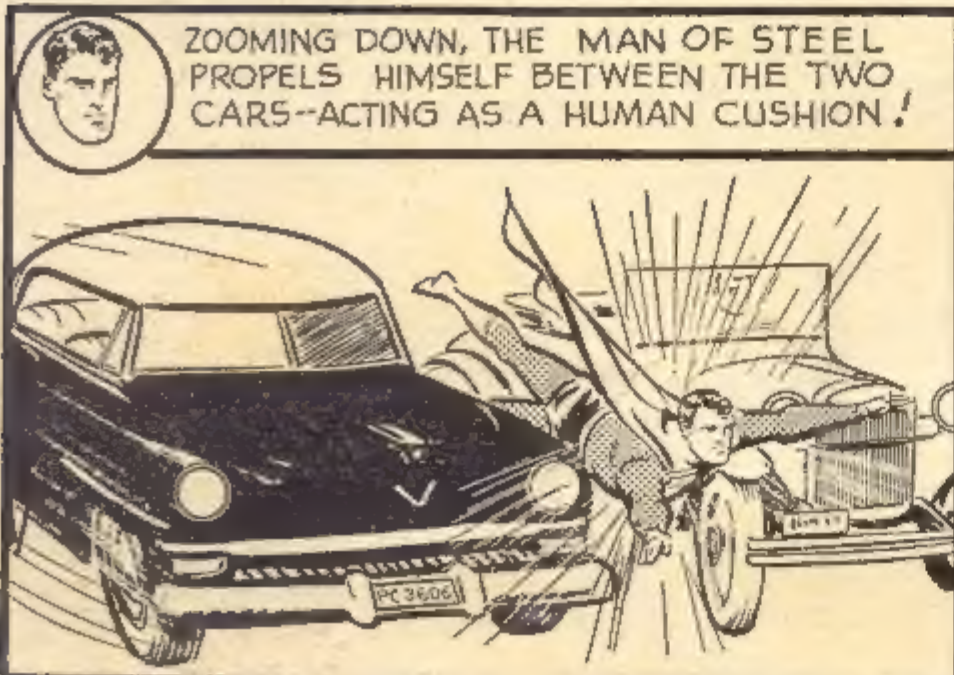
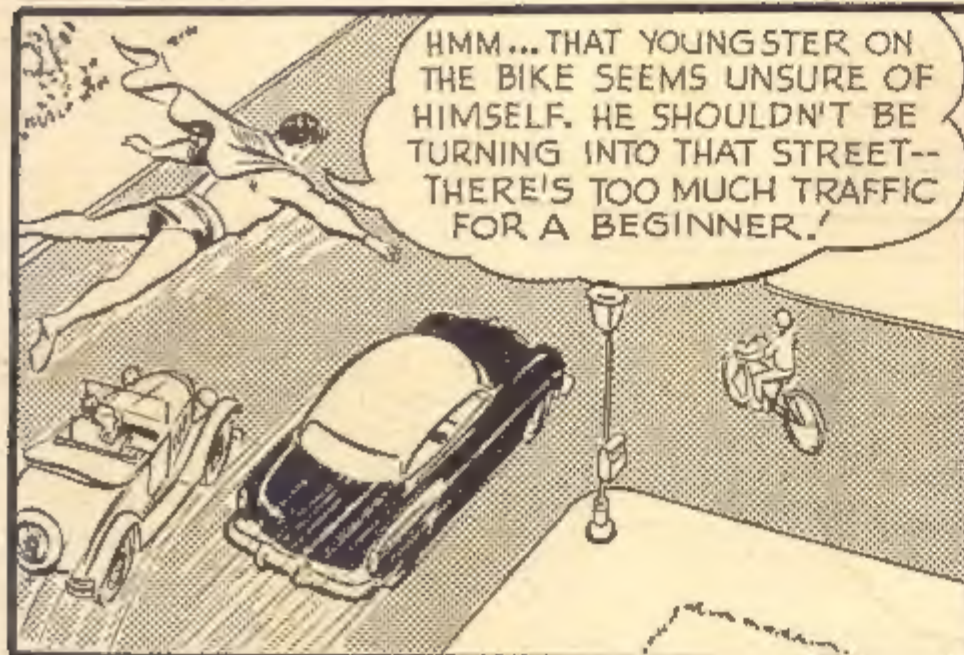
*"The
FLYING
BAT-CAVE!"*

WE'VE BEEN FORCED
TO AGREE NOT TO SET
FOOT IN GOTHAM CITY--
BUT WE'LL STILL ANSWER
THE CALL OF THE
BAT-SIGNAL!



SUPERMAN

"It's Smart to Check-- says: and **DOUBLECHECK!**"



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BATMAN

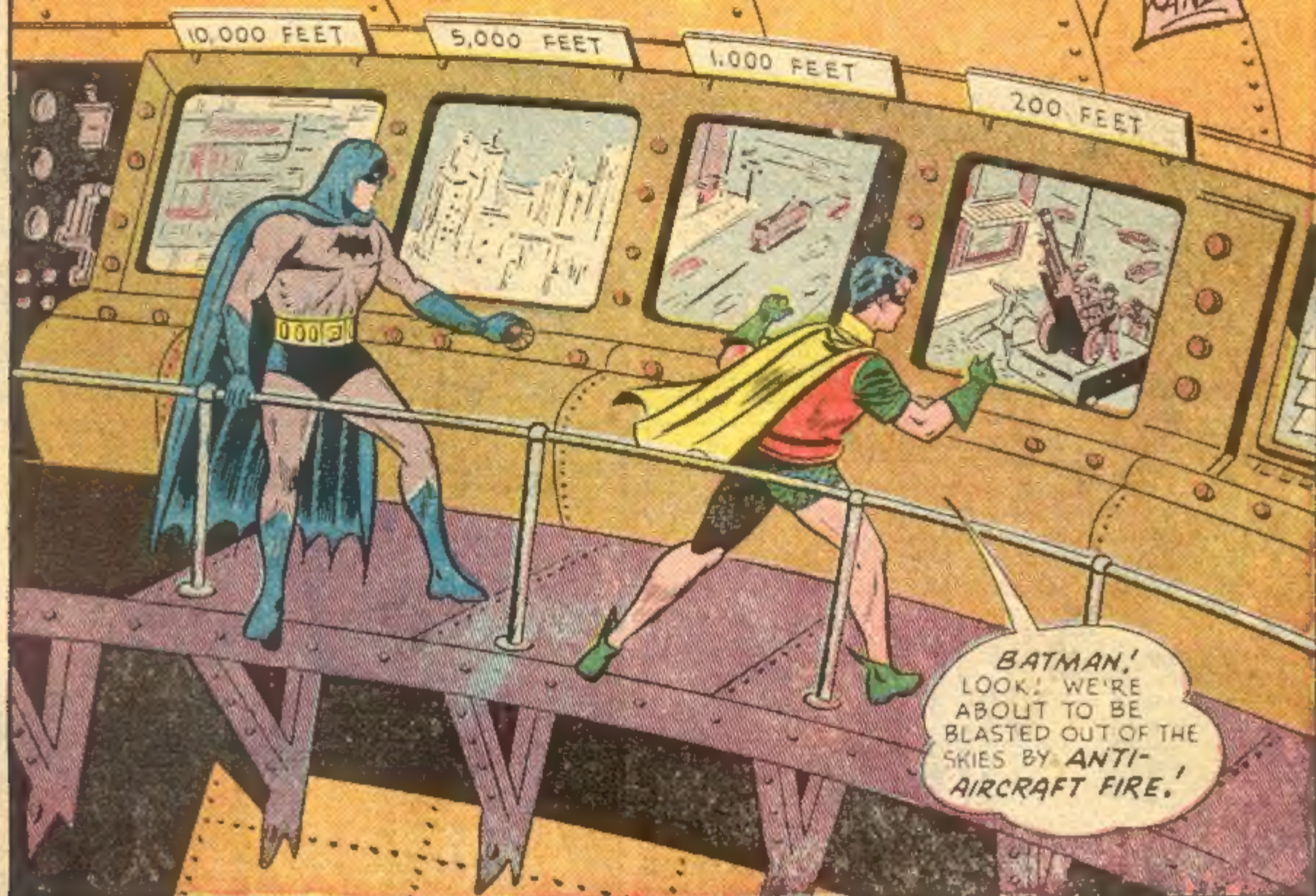
WITH
ROBIN
-THE BOY WONDER-

FROM THE DARK RECESSES OF A CRIMINAL MIND COMES A SHOCKING SCHEME--A SCHEME WHICH ACTUALLY SUCCEEDS IN DRIVING **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** FROM THEIR FAMED VAULTED RETREAT, THE **BAT-CAVE!** NOW, LIKE WANDERERS IN SPACE, THEY MUST ROAM THE ENDLESS SKIES! BUT THEIR DESPERATE PLIGHT BRINGS FORTH A FANTASTIC SOLUTION! YOU'LL BE STUNNED BY THE FABULOUS INGENUITY OF THE **DARING DUO** AS THEY DEVISE TOTALLY **NEW METHODS** TO FIGHT THE UNDERWORLD! AND THEIR CRIME-FIGHTING GENIUS PRODUCES A DARING NEW DEVELOPMENT CALLED...

"The FLYING BAT-CAVE!"

FOUR TV CAMERAS ARE TRAINED ON THE CITY! THEY SHOW IT ON THESE SCREENS AS IT WOULD APPEAR AT DIFFERENT HEIGHTS!

by **BOB KANE**



AS NIGHT CLOAKS GOTHAM CITY, THE BRILLIANT LIGHTS OF AN UNUSED HANDBALL COURT REVEAL PLAYERS IN A DEADLY GAME...

YOU FELL FOR OUR TRAP, **ROBIN!**
NOW WE'RE GONNA FINISH YOU!



SUDDENLY, AN UNEXPECTED REPRIEVE FOR THE BOY WONDER...

WAIT, ROCKY! I JUST GOT WORD YOU HAD **ROBIN** CORNERED! DON'T YOU KNOW ANY BETTER THAN TO BUMP HIM OFF BEFORE CALLIN' **ME**? I CAN USE HIM **ALIVE!**

WE THOUGHT YOU'D BE **PROUD** OF US, **DIAMOND!** GOSH! IT'S GETTIN' SO A FELLER DON'T KNOW WHO TO SHOOT!



PRESENTLY, AFTER A GRIM COUNCIL OF WAR...

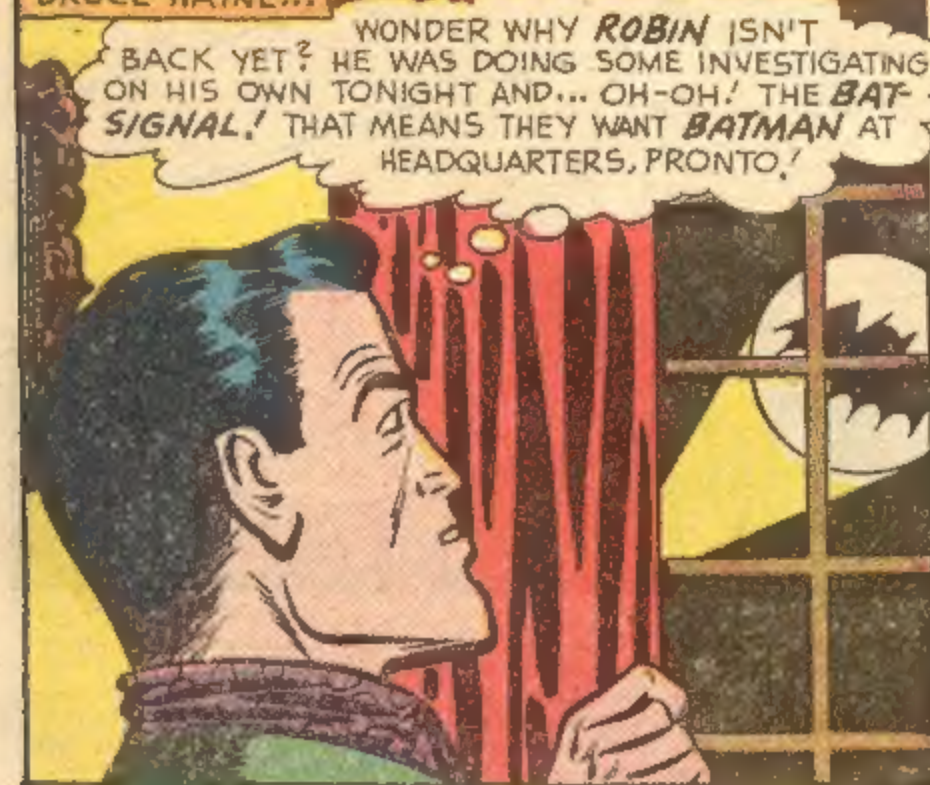
YOU'RE A GENIUS TO THINK THAT ONE UP, **DIAMOND!** BUT WILL **BATMAN** DO IT?

CERTAINLY HE'LL DO IT, LUNKHEAD! HE'LL DO ANYTHING TO SAVE HIS LITTLE PAL **ROBIN!** JUST WAIT AND SEE!



AND LATER, IN THE SUMPTUOUS SUBURBAN HOME OF BRUCE WAYNE...

WONDER WHY **ROBIN** ISN'T BACK YET? HE WAS DOING SOME INVESTIGATING ON HIS OWN TONIGHT AND... OH-OH! THE **BAT-SIGNAL!** THAT MEANS THEY WANT **BATMAN** AT HEADQUARTERS, PRONTO!



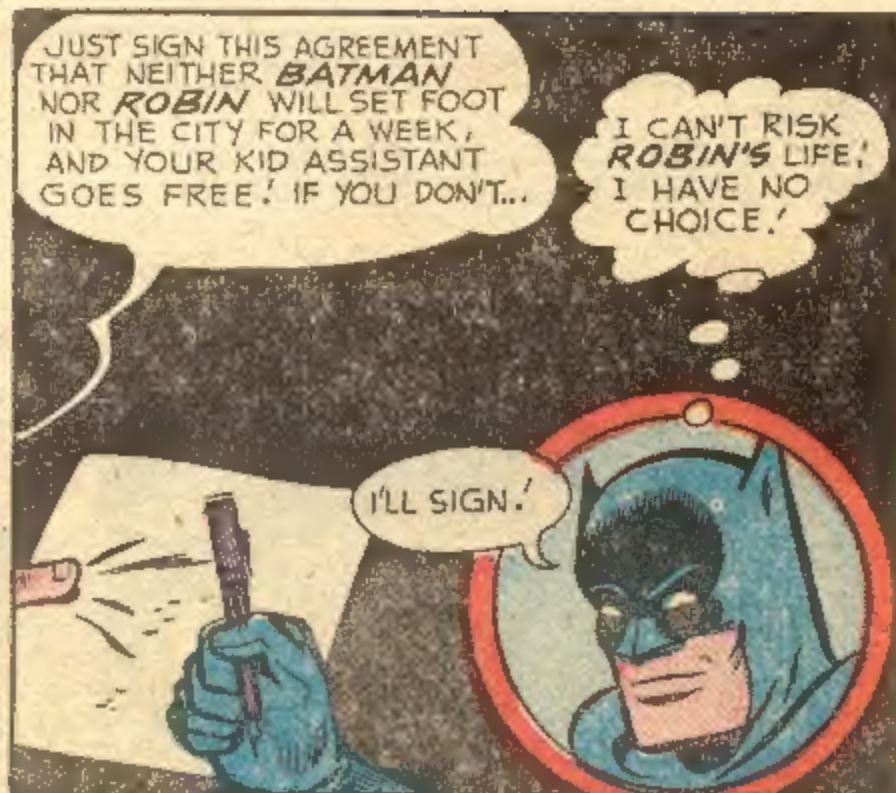
SWIFTLY, THE WEALTHY SOCIALITE SWITCHES TO HIS ROLE OF **BATMAN!** AND SOON AFTER, AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS...

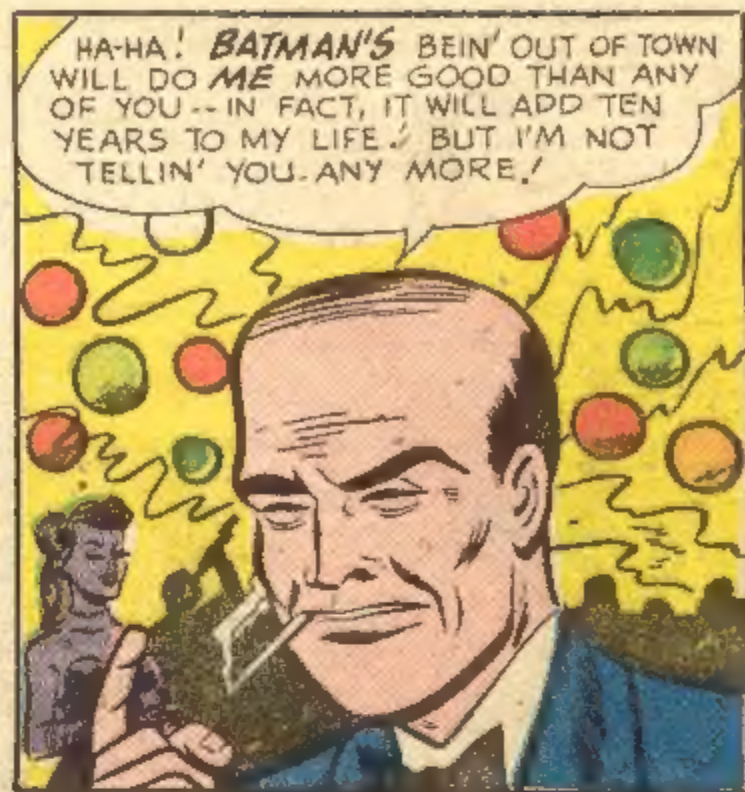
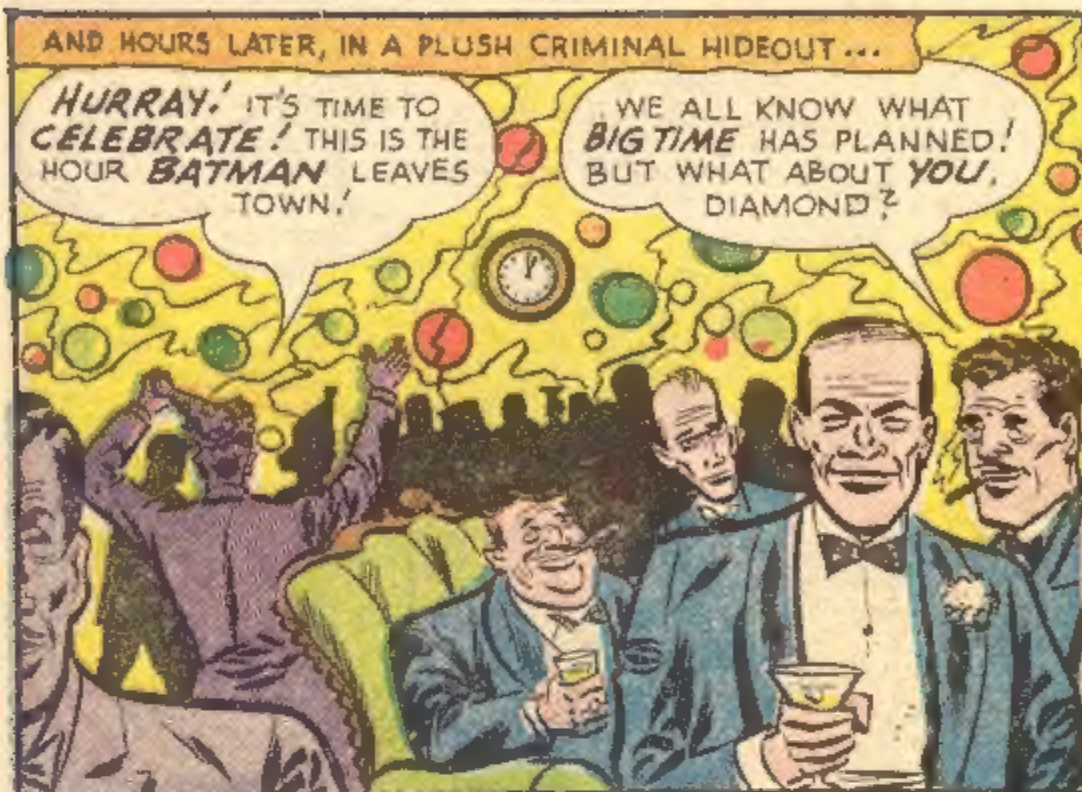
THIS MESSAGE JUST CAME FOR YOU, **BATMAN!** DO YOU WANT MY MEN TO MOVE IN ON REGAN'S?

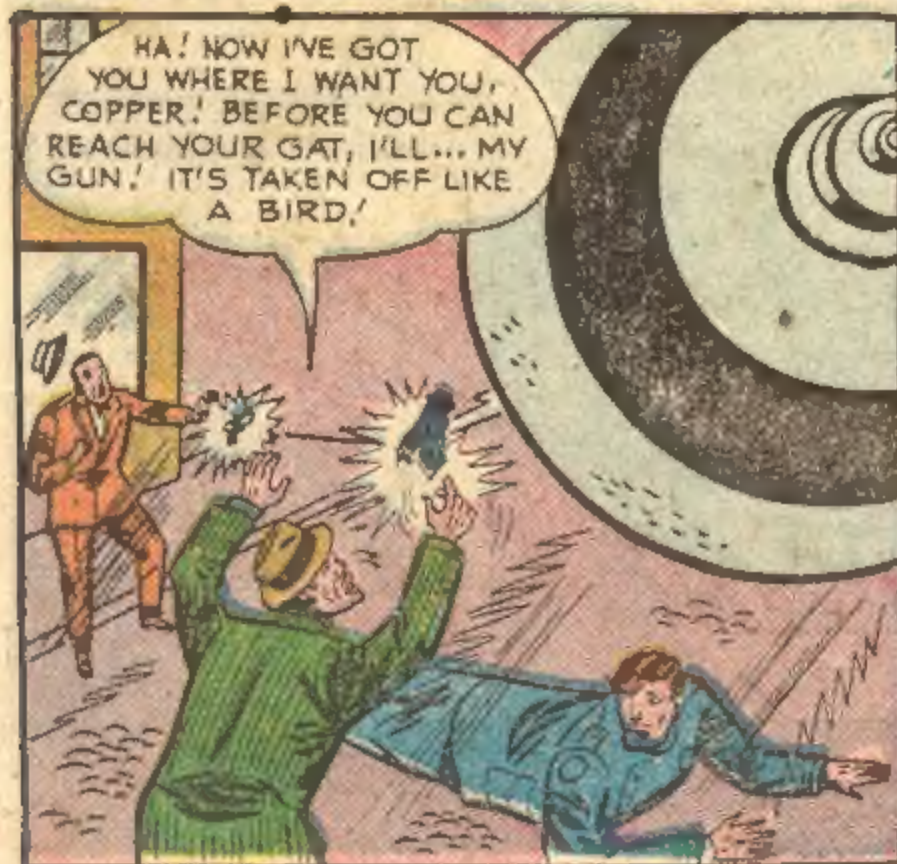
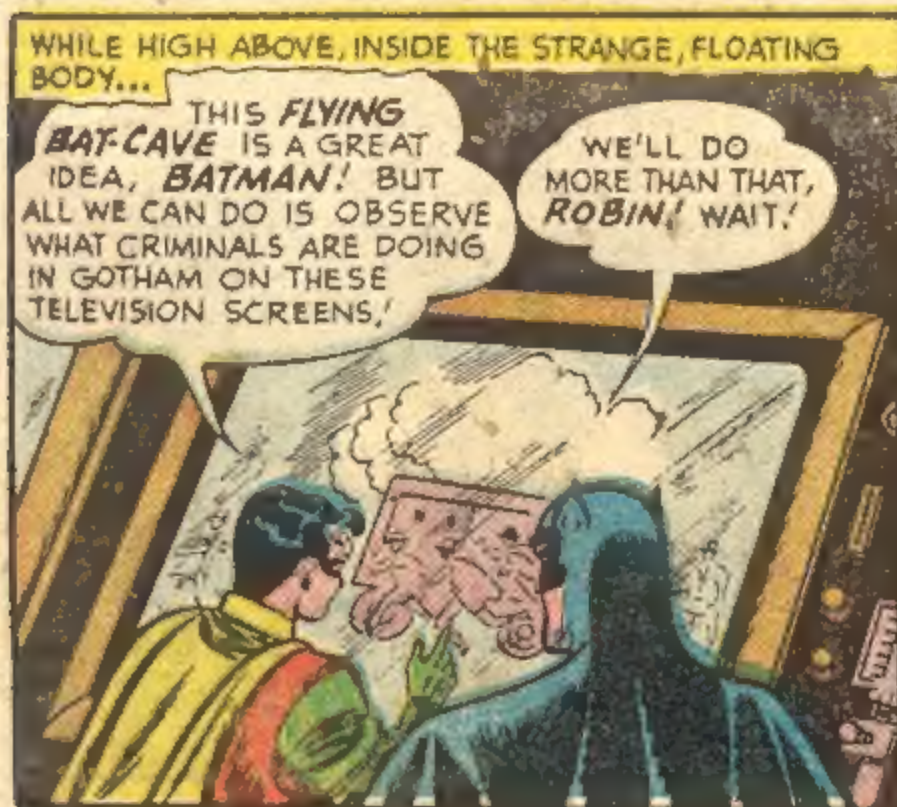
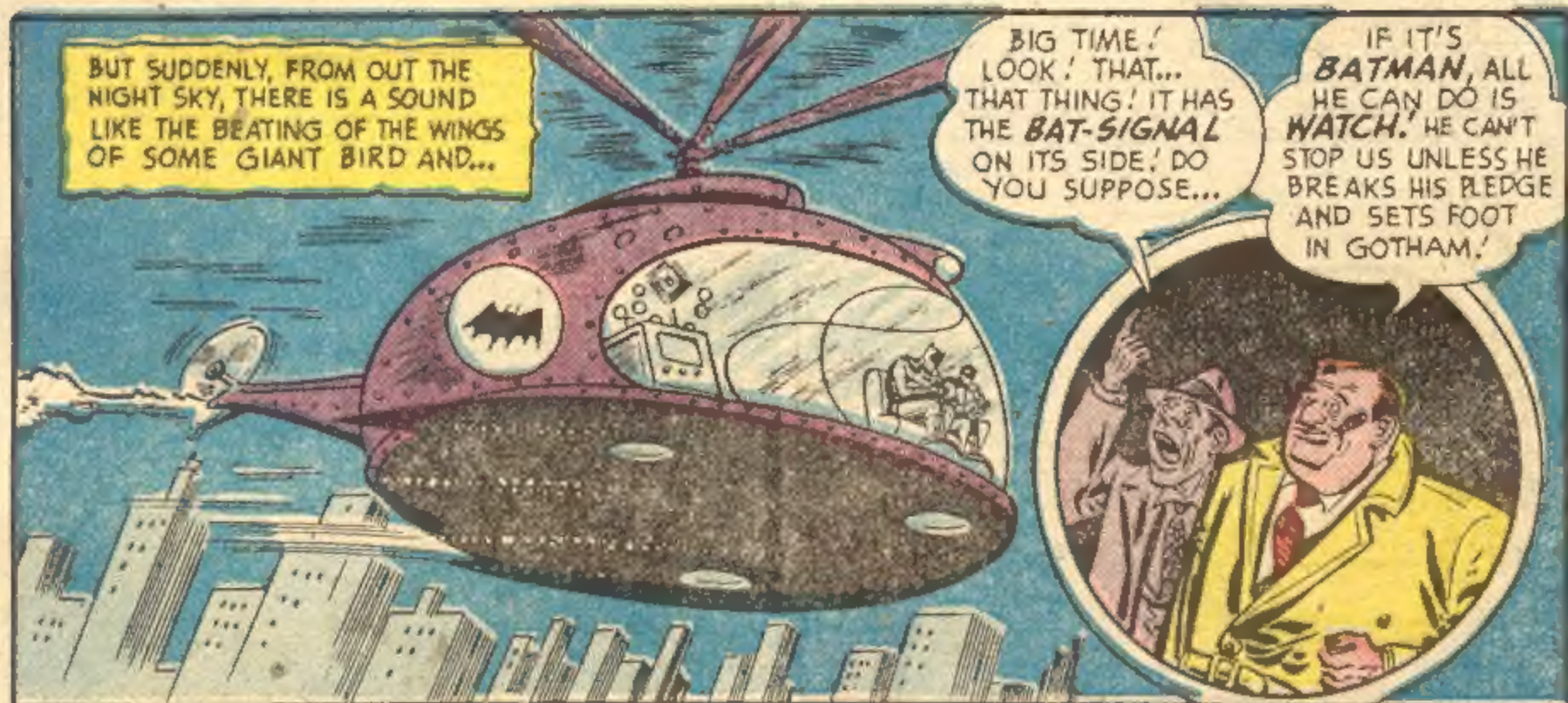
HMMM... THEY APPARENTLY HAVE **ROBIN!** NO, THANKS, COMMISSIONER GORDON! I DON'T WANT TO RISK ANYTHING HAPPENING TO THE BOY! I'LL GO AND MEET THE WRITER OF THIS NOTE ALONE!

Batman:
If you want to see Robin alive again, Come to Regan's Baths at once!











YES, **ROBIN**. THOSE CROOKS CAN'T SAY WE'RE NOT TECHNICALLY STICKING TO OUR AGREEMENT!

THE FLYING **BAT-CAVE** CAN STOP THEM IN THE OPEN WHERE WE CAN SEE THEM! BUT THE CROOKS STILL HAVE A WEEK IN WHICH TO THINK UP OTHER METHODS. WHAT'LL WE DO THEN?



LATER, IN **BIG TIME'S** HIDEOUT...

WHAT ARE **YOU** LOOKIN' SO HAPPY ABOUT, **DIAMOND**? THE COPS CLEANED UP HALF MY MOB AFTER **BATMAN** DISARMED THEM WITH THAT GIANT ELECTRO-MAGNET!

HA! YOU'VE GOT TO GIVE **BATMAN** CREDIT, **BIG TIME**! BUT HE'LL HAVE TO DO BETTER THAN THAT TO THWART **MY** SCHEME!



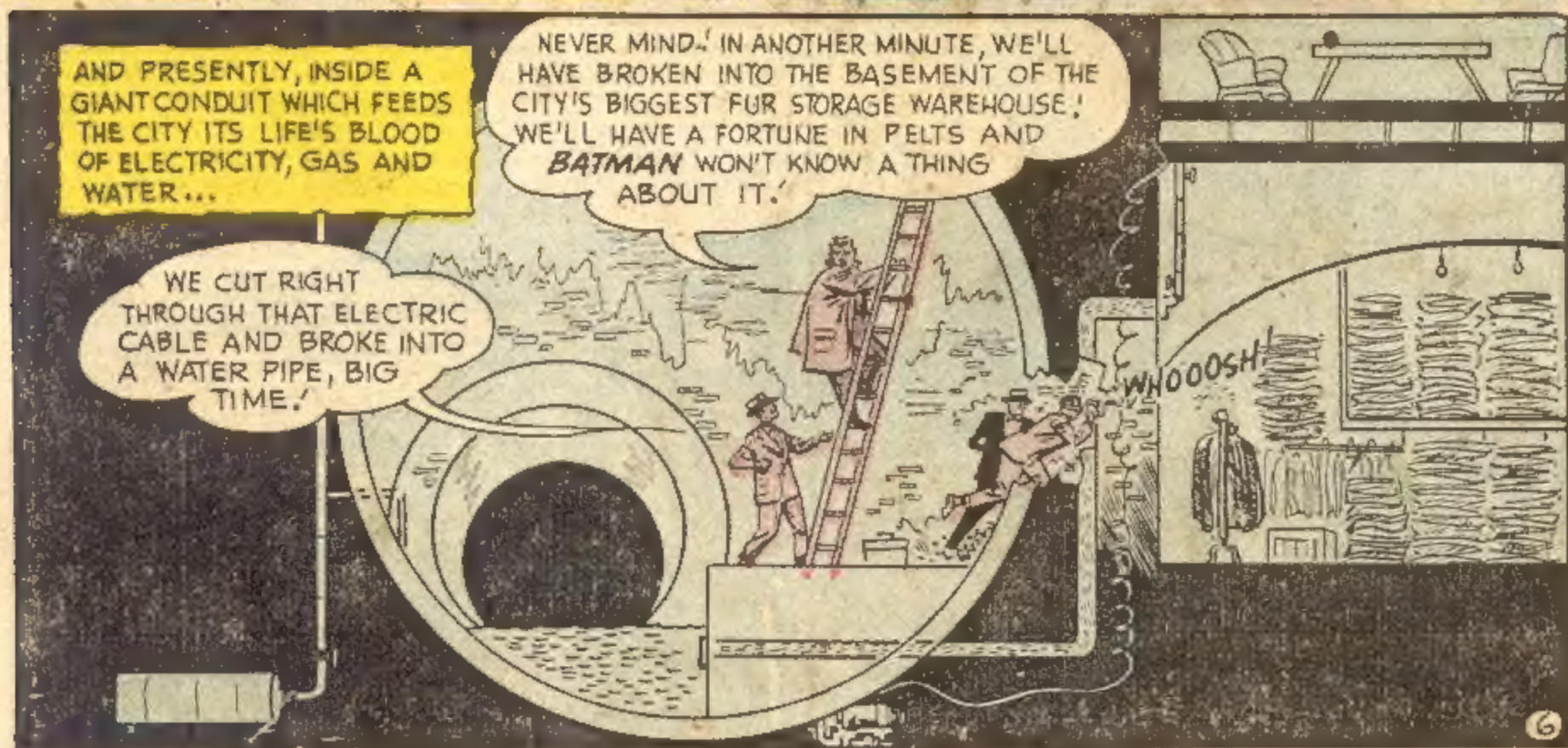
WAIT! I DON'T KNOW WHAT **YOU'VE** GOT UP YOUR SLEEVE, BUT I JUST GOT A **BRILLIANT IDEA**! **BATMAN** CAN'T POSSIBLY STOP ME NOW AND STILL KEEP HIS PROMISE!

SNAP!



SEVERAL NIGHTS LATER...

SO **BATMAN** THINKS HE CAN PUT THE SQUEEZE ON US BY STAYING **ABOVE** THE GROUND! ALL RIGHT! WE'LL SHOW HIM-- FROM NOW ON WE WORK **UNDERGROUND**!

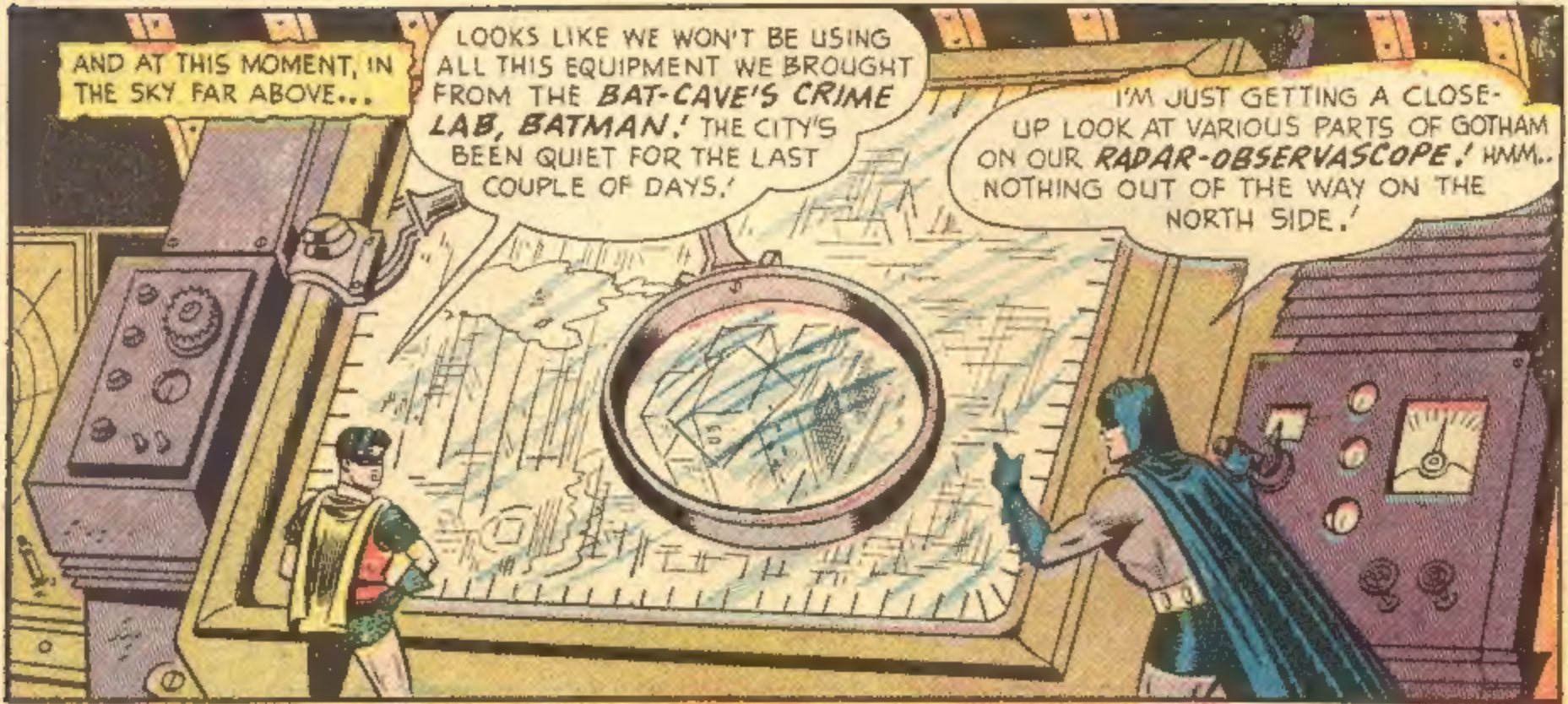


AND PRESENTLY, INSIDE A GIANT CONDUIT WHICH FEEDS THE CITY ITS LIFE'S BLOOD OF ELECTRICITY, GAS AND WATER...

NEVER MIND! IN ANOTHER MINUTE, WE'LL HAVE BROKEN INTO THE BASEMENT OF THE CITY'S BIGGEST FUR STORAGE WAREHOUSE! WE'LL HAVE A FORTUNE IN PELTS AND **BATMAN** WON'T KNOW A THING ABOUT IT!

WE CUT RIGHT THROUGH THAT ELECTRIC CABLE AND BROKE INTO A WATER PIPE, **BIG TIME**!

WHOOOSH!



AND AT THIS MOMENT, IN THE SKY FAR ABOVE...

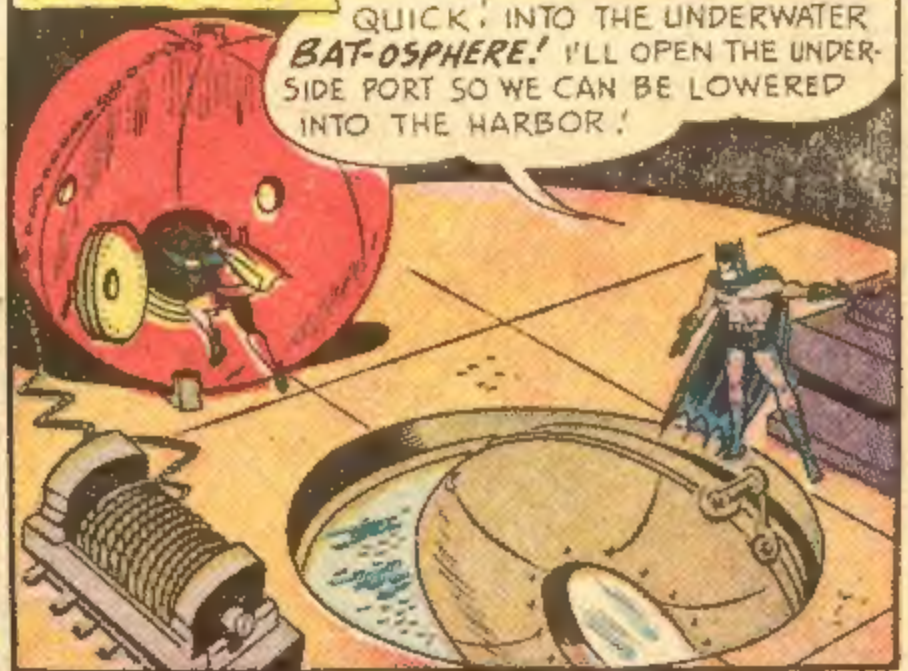
LOOKS LIKE WE WON'T BE USING ALL THIS EQUIPMENT WE BROUGHT FROM THE **BAT-CAVE'S CRIME LAB, BATMAN!** THE CITY'S BEEN QUIET FOR THE LAST COUPLE OF DAYS!

I'M JUST GETTING A CLOSE-UP LOOK AT VARIOUS PARTS OF GOTHAM ON OUR **RADAR-OBSERVASCOPE!** HMM... NOTHING OUT OF THE WAY ON THE NORTH SIDE!

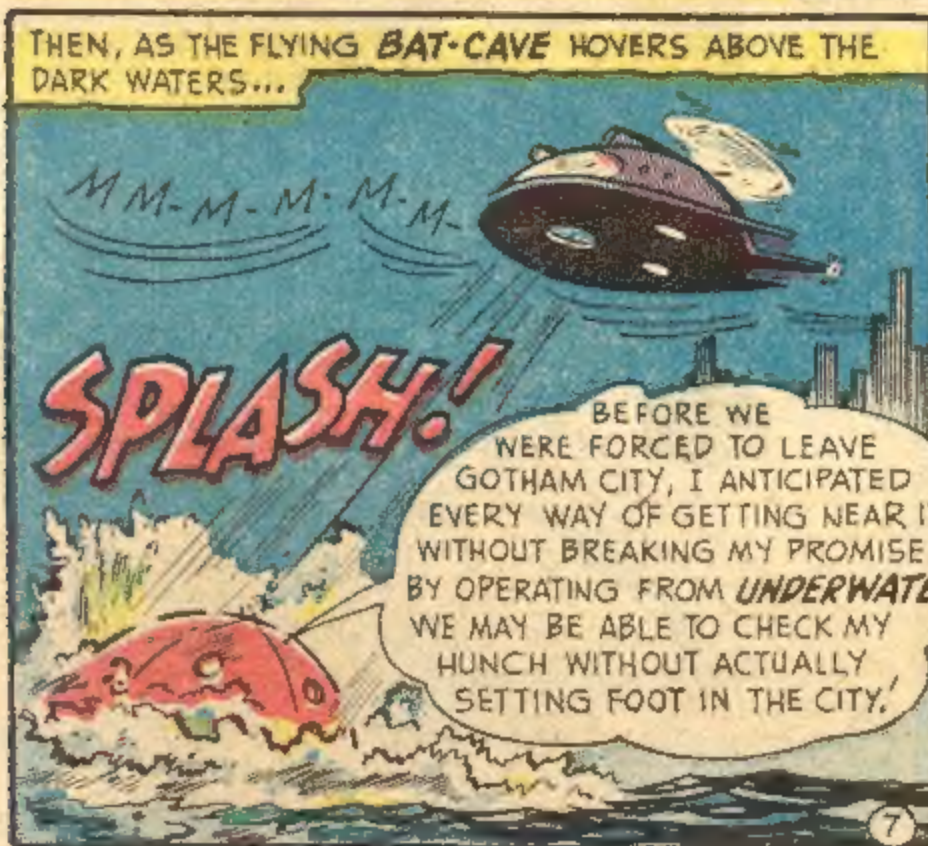


HMM... THAT'S STRANGE! ALL THE LIGHTS ON PUTNAM STREET SUDDENLY WENT OUT! AND NOW THE WATER SPRAYS ON THE BIJOU'S COOLING SYSTEM ARE DOWN TO A TRICKLE! HMM... BOTH ELECTRICITY AND WATER ARE OFF AT ONCE! THIS MAY MEAN SOMETHING, **ROBIN!**

RACING TO THE CONTROL ROOM, **BATMAN** DIRECTS THE STRANGE SHIP OUT OVER THE CITY'S HARBOR. AND PRESENTLY...



QUICK! INTO THE UNDERWATER **BAT-OSPHERE!** I'LL OPEN THE UNDER-SIDE PORT SO WE CAN BE LOWERED INTO THE HARBOR!

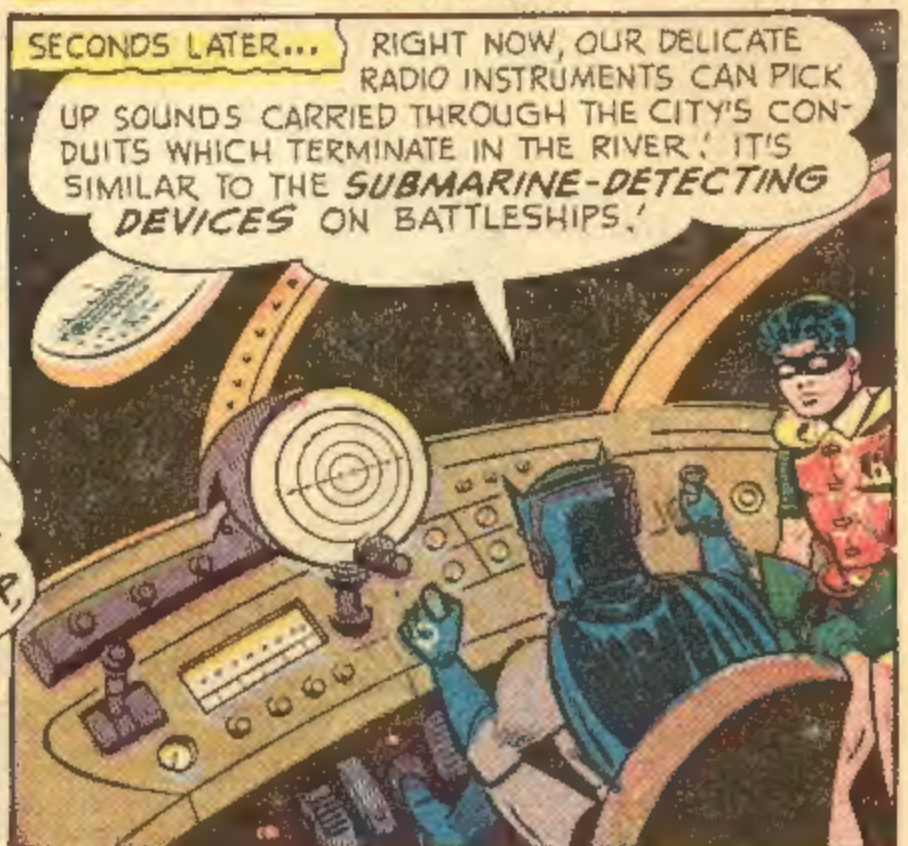


THEN, AS THE FLYING **BAT-CAVE** HOVERS ABOVE THE DARK WATERS...

M-M-M-M-M-M-M

SPLASH!

BEFORE WE WERE FORCED TO LEAVE GOTHAM CITY, I ANTICIPATED EVERY WAY OF GETTING NEAR IT WITHOUT BREAKING MY PROMISE! BY OPERATING FROM **UNDERWATER**, WE MAY BE ABLE TO CHECK MY HUNCH WITHOUT ACTUALLY SETTING FOOT IN THE CITY!



SECONDS LATER...

RIGHT NOW, OUR DELICATE RADIO INSTRUMENTS CAN PICK UP SOUNDS CARRIED THROUGH THE CITY'S CONDUITS WHICH TERMINATE IN THE RIVER! IT'S SIMILAR TO THE **SUBMARINE-DETECTING DEVICES** ON BATTLESHIPS!

HMM... I'M GETTING SOMETHING! I TURN THE DIRECTION-FINDER AND... IT'S COMING IN STRONG NOW! THERE'S SOMEONE INSIDE THE CONDUITS ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF TOWN!

I'LL CALL THE POLICE BY SHORT-WAVE AND HAVE THEM COVER EVERY MANHOLE IN THAT SECTION!

AND SOON AFTER, INSIDE A DARK PASSAGE BENEATH THE CITY'S STREETS...

(WHISPER) THERE'S ANOTHER SQUAD CAR PARKED BESIDE THIS EXIT JUST LIKE AT THE OTHERS WE TRIED, BIG TIME!

THEY MUST HAVE GOT WORD THAT WE ENTERED THE FUR WAREHOUSE FROM THIS UNDERGROUND CONDUIT! COME ON! FOLLOW ME!

LIKE SCURRYING RATS, THE CRIMINALS RACE THROUGH THE SUBTERRANEAN LABYRINTH UNTIL...

HEY! THIS STREET DRAIN TUNNEL ENDS IN THE RIVER! WHAT DO WE DO NOW?

YOU SWIM UNDER-WATER UNTIL YOU CLEAR THE TUNNEL! THEN YOU COME UP ON THE SURFACE OF THE RIVER! IT'S OUR ONLY CHANCE!

BUT THE RIVER'S DARK WATERS HOLD AN UNEXPECTED SURPRISE...

I CAN'T GO INTO GOTHAM CITY AFTER THESE CHARACTERS, BUT IF THEY INSIST ON COMING TO ME -- UMPH!

PRESENTLY...

THE POLICE PATROL BOAT WILL BE ALONG TO PICK YOU BOYS UP IN A MINUTE!

BONG! BONG! BONG!

WE DID IT AGAIN, **BATMAN!** WE KNOCKED OFF A GANG WITHOUT SETTING FOOT IN GOTHAM CITY!

BUT LATER, ON A DIMLY LIGHTED SIDE STREET...

LUCKY I WAS THE LAST ONE OUT OF THE TUNNEL AND SPOTTED **BATMAN** IN TIME TO GET BACK BEFORE HE SAW ME! THIS IS THE SECOND TIME HE'S TRICKED ME--BUT THERE'S STILL **FOUR DAYS** BEFORE THIS WEEK IS UP!

AND AFTERWARDS...

SORRY I CAN'T GIVE YOU MORE SYMPATHY BIG TIME! BUT TOMORROW I GO ON TRIAL FOR AN OLD ARCFY RAP, AND EVEN THOUGH **BATMAN** IS THE STAR WITNESS AGAINST ME IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR HIM TO RUN MY PLAN WITHOUT SETTING FOOT IN GOTHAM. I'LL LEAVE THAT COURT A **FREE MAN!**

BAH.

NEXT DAY IN A CROWDED COURTROOM...

FIRST WITNESS FOR THE PROSECUTION -- **BATMAN!** BATMAN, TAKE THE STAND PLEASE

WHISPER HA HA HE'S THE ONLY WITNESS AGAINST ME AND HE CAN'T MAKE AN APPEARANCE. THEY'LL HAVE TO SET ME FREE!

BUT SUDDENLY, THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY MAKES A SURPRISE MOVE...

WITH THE COURT'S PERMISSION I'D LIKE TO TRY SOMETHING A BIT UNUSUAL IN THIS CASE AGAINST "DAMOND LANG."

WHISPER, HEY, WHAT'S THE D.A. MEAN? THEY CAN'T PROVE NOTHING WITHOUT **BATMAN** - AND HE WON'T SHOW UP!

WITH A DRAMATIC SWEEP OF HIS HAND THE D.A. RIPS AWAY A CLOTH VEIL AND...

...TODAY **BATMAN** TESTIFYING ON A SPECIAL TELEVISION WAVELENGTH FROM THE FLYING BAT-CAVE DIRECTLY ABOVE THIS COURTHOUSE

I'VE BEEN ROBBED! THIS AIN'T FAR!

AND AT THIS MOMENT, IN THE FLYING BAT-CAVE'S TROPHY ROOM...

LUCKY I REMEMBERED MY DATE IN COURT TO TESTIFY AGAINST DAMOND - I WAS ABLE TO ARRANGE WITH THE D.A. FOR THIS TV SET-UP BEFORE I LEFT GOTHAM.

YES! I KNOW THE DEFENDANT "DAMOND LANG."

BUT AS **BATMAN'S** DAMAGING TESTIMONY POURS FROM A LOUD-SPEAKER IN THE COURTROOM...

DAMOND'S MOUTH JUST BROUGHT US A NOTE TELLING US TO SET UP A **HOME DIATHERMY MACHINE** IN THIS BUILDING NEXT TO THE COURTHOUSE. WONDER WHAT HE'S GOT UP HIS SLEEVE?

MOMENTS LATER IN THE TENSE COURTROOM

SQUAWK! BRRRR! SQUEEK!

I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENED YOUR HONOR BUT I'M SURE WE CAN FIX IT



BLACK-
ING OUT BATMAN'S
TESTIMONY!



AND BACK AT THE BROADCAST COMPLEX

BRRR...RAWK BRRRR...

HERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH THE SPEAKER OVER WHICH THE D.A.'S VOICE IS SUPPOSED TO BE COMING, BATMAN!

THEN IT MUST BE OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE, FROM THE SOUND OF THAT STATIC I SAY IT'S MAN-MADE! THAT MEANS WE'RE BEING JAMMED!



HERE'S THE SOURCE OF THE INTERFERENCE, THOSE CHARACTER ARE DELIBERATELY JAMMING OUR BROADCAST WITH THAT DATHERMY MACHINE



HOW DO WE STOP THEM WITHOUT BREAKING OUR PLEDGE



IT'S SURE WE BROUGHT ALONG SOME OF OUR MOST VALUABLE TROPHIES--I WANTED THE FLYING BAT-CAVE TO SEEM A BIT LIKE HOME, BUT NOW IT SEEMS WE HAVE A REAL USE FOR ONE TROPHY

THE GIANT PENNY! HOW WILL THAT HELP BATMAN?

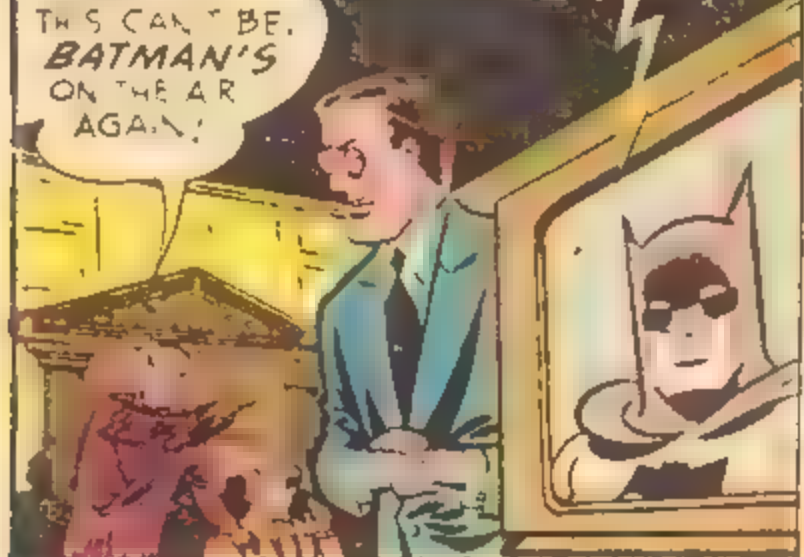
HOW CAN THE GIANT LINCOLN PENNY SOLVE BATMAN'S PROBLEM? CAN YOU GUESS?

THE ANSWER LIES OUTSIDE THE CHAMBER OF JUSTICE, WHERE AN AMAZING STRATEGY IS IN EFFECT...

MOMENTS AFTER, IN THE COURTROOM...

...AND SO I WAS A WITNESS TO THE ENTIRE PERFORMANCE. IT WAS DEFINITELY COMPLETED BY 'DAMON' LANG!

BUT...BUT THIS CAN'T BE. BATMAN'S ON THE AIR AGAIN!



THE GIANT PENNY THEY LET DOWN--IT FORMS A COPPER SHIELD BETWEEN THE DATHERMY MACHINE AND THE TV ANTENNA ON THE COURTHOUSE ROOF! OUR INTERFERENCE IS CUT OFF!



LATER AS BIG-TIME WALKS THE STREETS OF GOTHAM CITY...

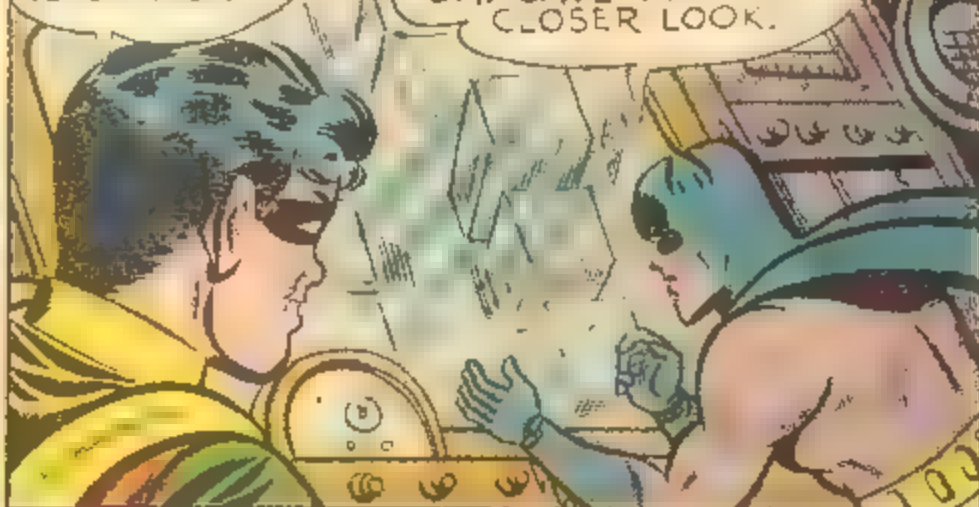
ONE MORE DAY AND **BATMAN** WILL BE BACK IN TOWN! SO FAR MY SCORE IS ZERO. HMM... THAT WAR MEMORIAL GIVES ME AN IDEA! MAYBE I CAN FIX IT SO **BATMAN** WILL NEVER COME BACK!



THE FOLLOWING NIGHT, IN THE FLYING **BAT-CAVE**...

LESS THAN TWO MORE HOURS AND OUR EXILE IS OVER **BATMAN**! WE'LL ALL BE GLAD WHEN--

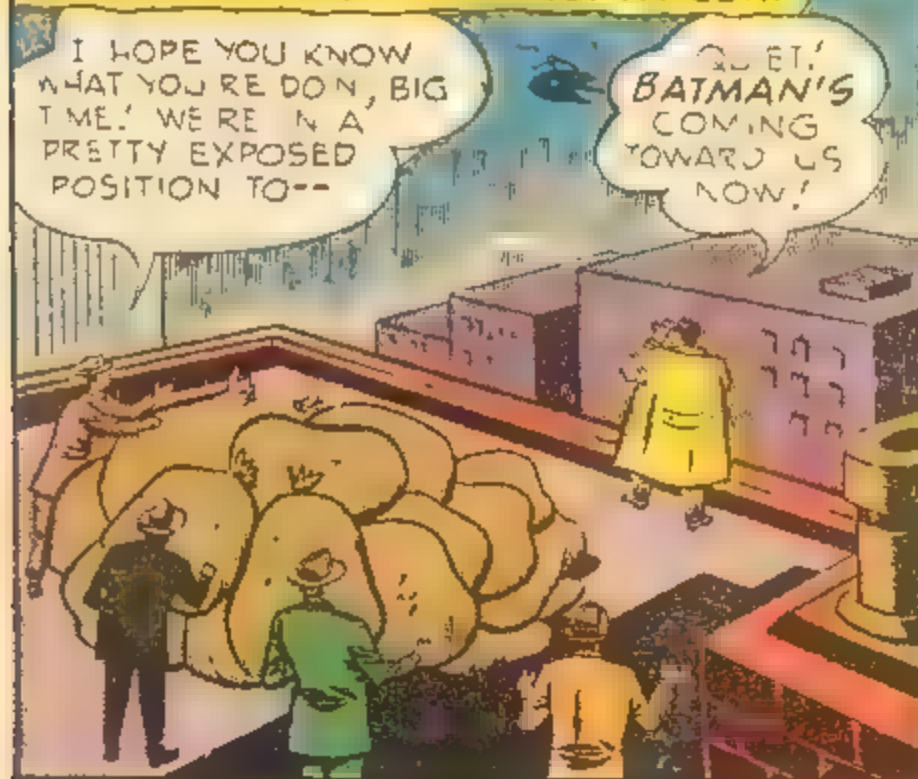
BUT OUR TROUBLES AREN'T OVER **ROBIN**! LOOK ON THE **OBSERVATION-SCOPE**! CROOKS ARE ESCAPING FROM THE **POST OFFICE** OVER THE ROOF! I'M GUIDING THE **BAT-CAVE** IN FOR A CLOSER LOOK.



WHILE ON THE ROOF OF THE POST OFFICE...

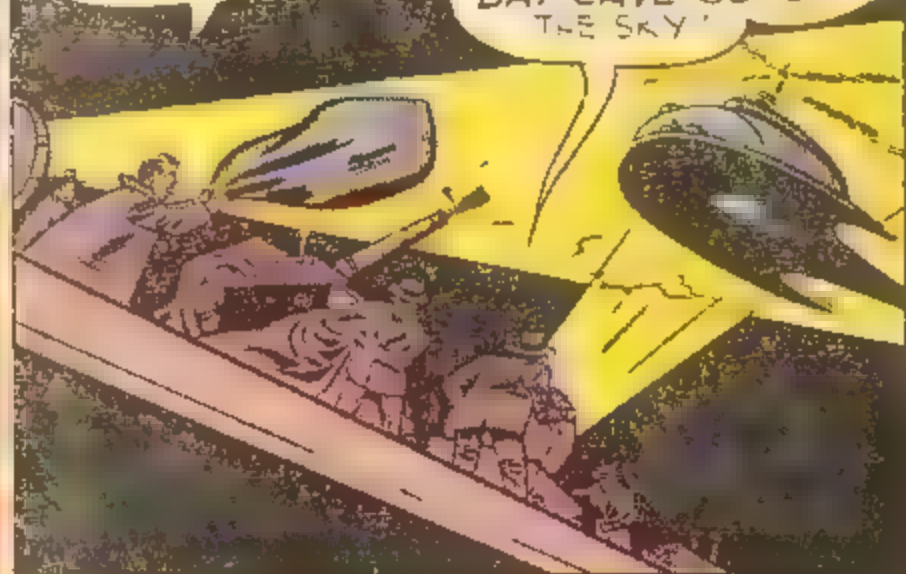
I HOPE YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING, BIG TIME! WE'RE IN A PRETTY EXPOSED POSITION TO--

QUIET! **BATMAN'S** COMING TOWARD US NOW!



ALL RIGHT! THROW OFF THE MAIL BAG CAMOUFLAGE! TURN ON THE SEARCH-LIGHTS. STAND BY TO FIRE.

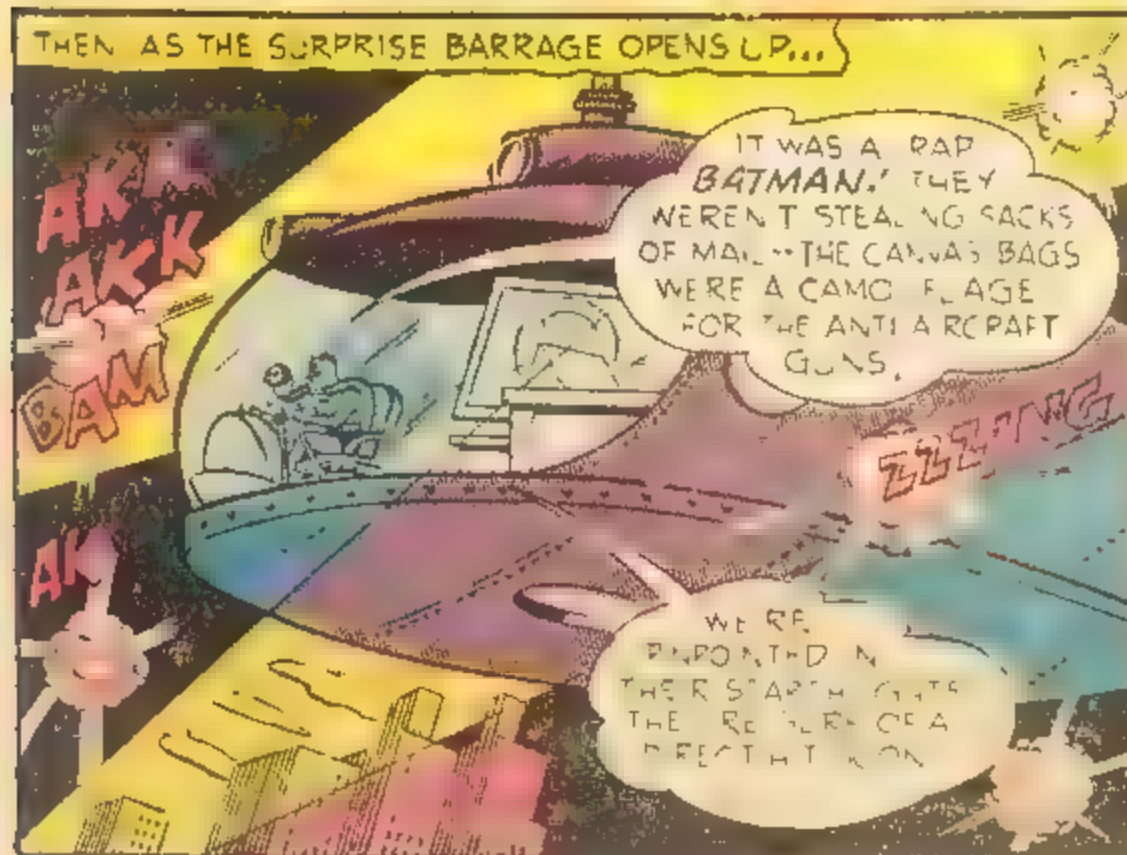
HA HA. WHAT A SURPRISE WHEN **BATMAN** RUNS INTO **FLAK**! HE NEVER USES GUNS SO THERE'S NO WAY HE CAN STOP OUR **ANTI-AIRCRAFT** FROM KNOCKING THE FLYING **BAT-CAVE** OUT OF THE SKY!



THEN AS THE SURPRISE BARRAGE OPENS UP...

IT WAS A RAP **BATMAN**! THEY WEREN'T STEALING SACKS OF MAIL--THE CANVAS BAGS WERE A CAMOUFLAGE FOR THE **ANTI-AIRCRAFT** GUNS.

WE'RE REPORTED IN THE SEARCHLIGHTS THE RETURN OF A PRECIOUS MON



AND SECONDS LATER...

AH, RIGHT SQUARE IN MY SIGHTS. NOW I'LL BLAST THE **DARING DUO** AND THE FLYING **BAT-CAVE** OUT OF EXISTENCE!





DETECTIVE COMICS



BUT AT THE MOMENT THE AIRCRAFT'S
CONTROL ROOM...

WE SET THE **AUTOMATIC PILOT**
TO TAKE THE PLANE TO THE
AN AIRPORT IN THE EAST. THEY
ON YOUR MARK, **ROBIN!**
WE'RE GOING TO TAKE
RECORD UNTIL WE'RE
CLEAR OF THE "EARTH LIGHT"
BEAMS.

BUT BATMAN!
THEY...
UP YET AND WE'RE
GONE. WE CAN'T
THEY'RE GOING TO
TO BATMAN
AND PLEDGE.

WE'RE **NOT**
REMOVING THE
ALIBI BUT I
CAN EXPLAIN NOW.
READY TO
RECORD.

WHILE OUR CHANCES
ARE SLIM, OUR
BODIES FALL TOO FAST
FOR THEM TO HIT US.
AM NOW WE'RE
OUT OF THE
LIGHTS.

THEN LIKE TWIN TORNADOES **BATMAN AND ROBIN**
SAFELY DOWN, UPON THE ROOFTOP OF THE ROOF.

CLUNK

CRASH

BUT BOY,
YOU'VE GOT A DATE AT
THE STATE PEN WITH
THE REST OF THE
SMALL-TIMERS.

YOU'VE GOT ME **BATMAN!**
BUT I'LL SEE THAT ALL OF
GOTHAM KNOWS THAT
YOU BROKE YOUR
WORD. YOU HAD TO
SET FOOT IN THE CITY
TO STOP ME.

SORRY BUT YOU'RE WORKING
FOR ME, THE **UNITED**
STATES POST OFFICE BUILDING
IS NOT PART OF THE **FEDERAL**
GOVERNMENT AND NOT
PART OF THE CITY. I HAVEN'T
SET FOOT IN GOTHAM CITY
SINCE I LEFT.

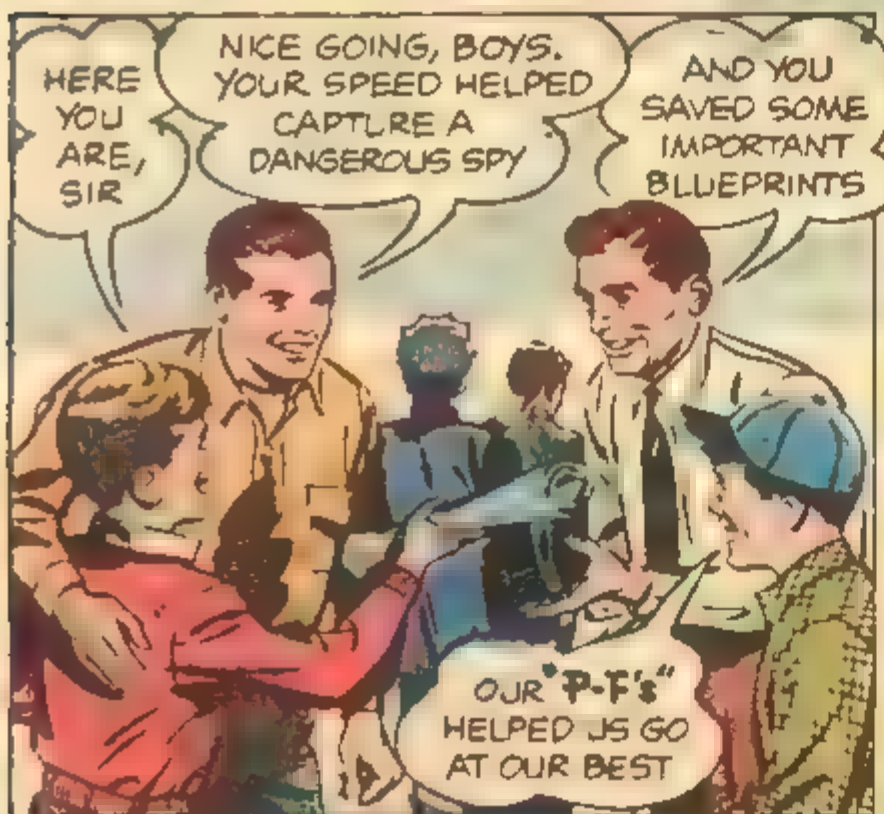
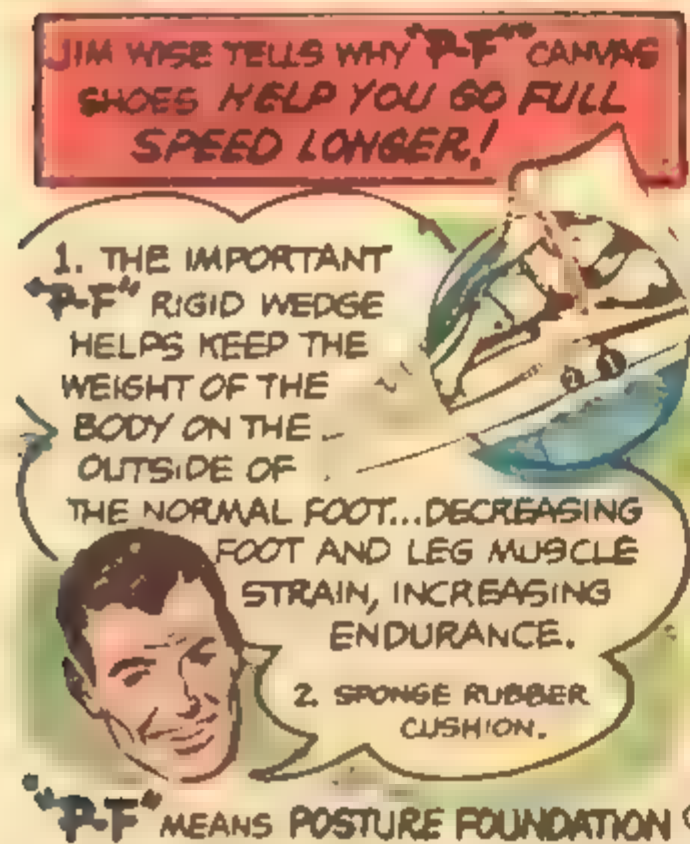
AND I'D
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REFUGER AND
WE CAN SAY
THE REST OF
BATMAN!

AND AFTERWARDS...

I CAN'T SAY I'M
SORRY I BE BACK
IN THE **BAT-CAVE, ROBIN!**

HA HA HOW DO YOU LIKE
THE SIGN **BATMAN!?**
IF AN OUTSIDER SHOULD
EVER GET A LOOK AT IT,
HE'D GO CRAZY TRYING
TO FIGURE HOW YOU
CAN ESCAPE FROM A
CAVE WITH A
PARACHUTE!

PARACHUTES
USED TO ESCAPE
FROM
BAT CAVE





Message to Parents



WHAT TO DO IF POLIO COMES YOUR WAY

Keep children with their own friends. Keep them away from people they have not been with right along, especially in close, daily living. Many people have polio infection without showing signs of sickness. Without knowing it, they can pass the infection on to others.

Try not to get over-tired by work, hard play or travel. If you already have the polio infection in your body, being very tired may bring on serious polio.

Keep from getting chilled. Don't bathe or swim too long in cold water. Take off wet clothes at once. Chilling can lessen your body's protection against polio.

Keep clean. Wash hands carefully before eating and always after using the toilet. Hands may carry polio infection into the body through the mouth. Also keep food clean and covered.

WATCH FOR EARLY SIGNS OF SICKNESS

Polio starts in different ways with headache, sore throat, upset stomach or fever. Persons coming down with polio may also feel nervous, cross or dizzy. They may have trouble in swallowing or breathing. Often there is a stiff neck and back.

ACT QUICKLY—CALL YOUR DOCTOR AT ONCE

Until he comes, keep the patient quiet and in bed, away from others.

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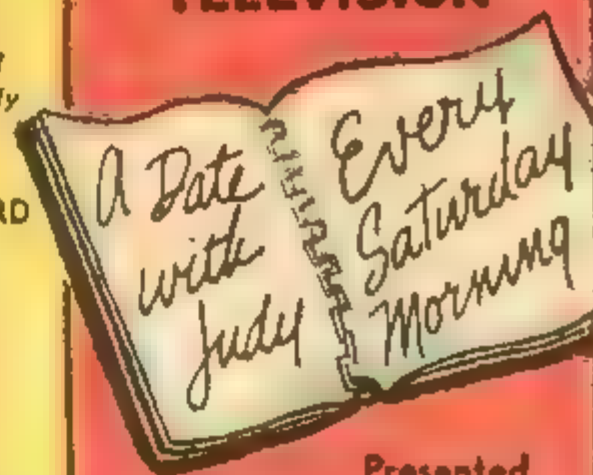
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IMPOSSIBLE BUT TRUE

IT'S ALL VERY WELL FOR YOU TO LET THIS MAN DUPLICATE OUR PRICELESS ART TREASURES FOR YOUR SHOW, MR. RAYMOND. BUT WHAT DO WE DO NOW? WE'RE EXPERTS. AND EVEN WE CAN'T TELL WHICH IS WHICH!

SOME COUNTERFEITERS HAVE BEEN SO CLEVER THAT THE R PHONY COPIES ALMOST FOOLED THE EXPERTS! BUT YOU NOTICE THAT HE SAID, **ALMOST!** IT'S ALWAYS, **ALMOST** AS GOOD! OR **ALMOST** LIKE THE ORIGINAL! BUT NEVER THE SAME! WELL, HARDLY EVER... BECAUSE HERE'S A MAN WHO CLAIMS HE CAN DUPLICATE ANYTHING, AND MAKE THE COPY SO PERFECT, YOU COULDN'T TELL IT FROM THE ORIGINAL! IMPOSSIBLE, YOU SAY? THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT ROY RAYMOND, TV PRODUCER, SAID UNTIL HE WITNESSED THE INCREDIBLE FEATS OF, **THE**

MAN WHO COULD IMITATE ANYTHING!

AND AT THE SAME TIME, TV STUDIO ENGINEERS ARE BAFFLED BY THE BLACK-OUT...

I CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT! SEEMS TO BE SOME KIND OF A FREAK! CLEARING UP NOW! RADIOACTIVE OR ELECTRIC? THE SHOW WILL GO BACK ON IN RECEPTIONS BEEN HIT OVER SECONDS! THE CENTRE AREA

ONE EVENING, AS ROY RAYMOND'S PLAYERS SHOW **IMPOSSIBLE BUT TRUE**, REVEALS ITS STRANGE OCCURRENCE TO ITS AUDIENCE OF MILLIONS.

BUT SUDDENLY, AS EVERYONE ENJOYS ROY RAYMOND'S STRANGE DISCOVERIES...

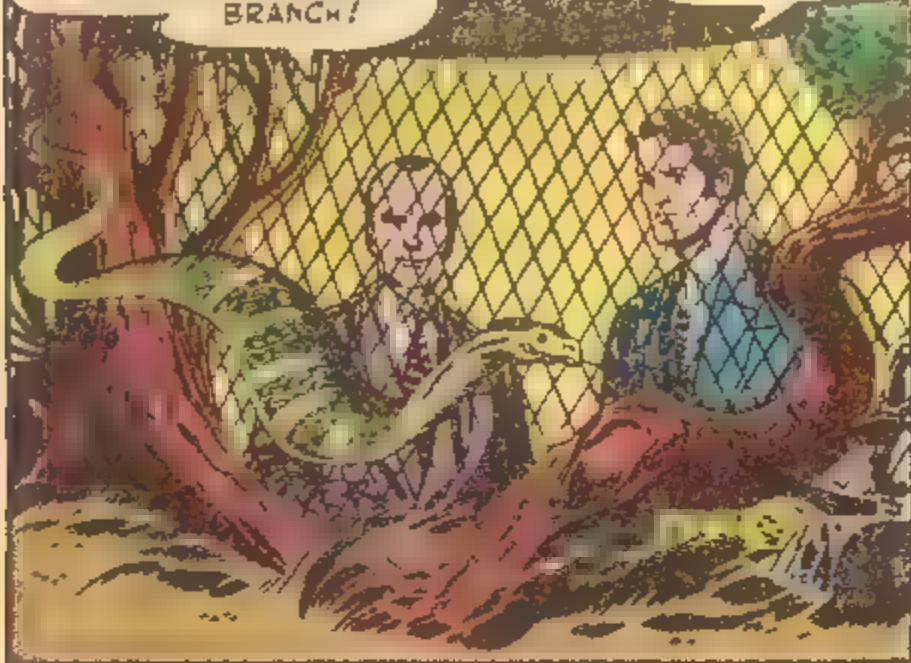
HARRY: WHAT'S HAPPENING TO OUR SET?
GOSH, RIGHT AT THE BEST PART TOO!
IT'S SOME KIND OF INTERFERENCE!

THIS IS A MODEL OF THE DADDY-LONG-LEGS TREE OF BORNEO. ITS ROOTS GROW TO A HEIGHT OF 80 FEET BEFORE ITS TRUNK BEGINS TO GROW.

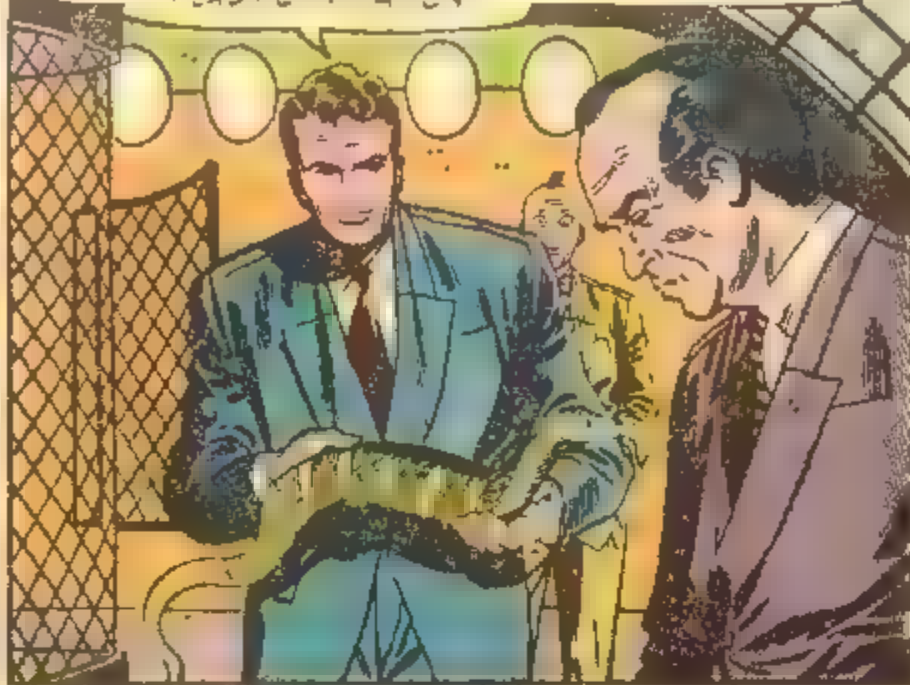


THREE DAYS LATER, AT THE STUDIO, WHERE THE PRODUCER IS TESTING AN APPLICANT FOR THE NEXT WEEK'S SHOW.

THIS IS THE FLYING SNAKE OF JAVA, MR. ROY. MM... VERY INTERESTING! IT LIVES IN TREES, AND ACTUALLY FLIES FROM BRANCH TO BRANCH!

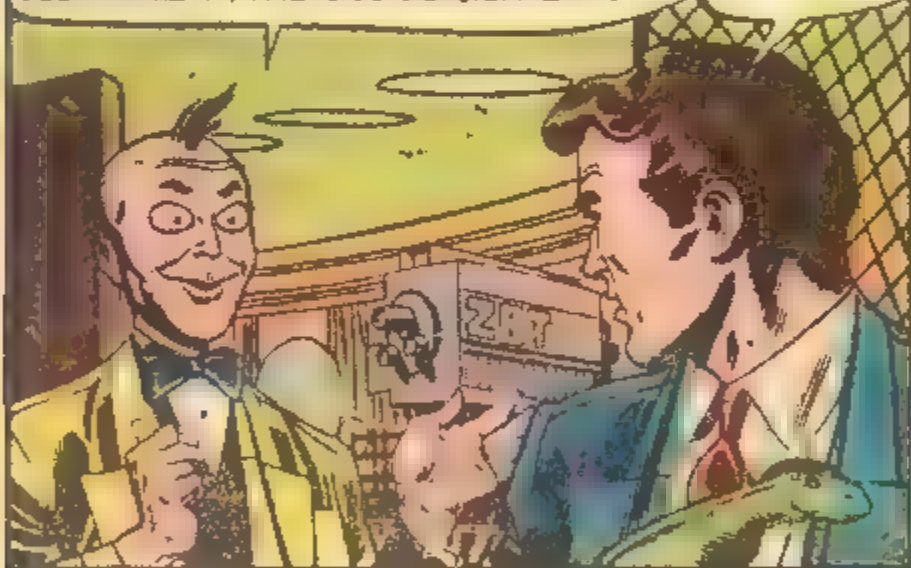


THERE IS A FLYING SNAKE, FOUND ONLY IN JAVA AND MALAYSIA. BUT THIS SNAKE! THE GENUINE FLYING SNAKES CAN'T POSSIBLY LIVE THIS FAR NORTH! BUT I COMPLEMENT YOU ON CREATING AN EXCELLENT PLASTIC IMITATION!



AT THIS POINT, A TOTAL STRANGER STEPS FORWARD... A MAN WHOM ROY... AND YOU... WILL NEVER FORGET!

IF YOU THINK THAT'S A PERFECT IMITATION, WAIT UNTIL YOU SEE THE ONES I PRODUCE! JUST NAME IT, AND I'LL DUPLICATE IT! ER... WHO ARE YOU? .?



BUT JUST THEN...

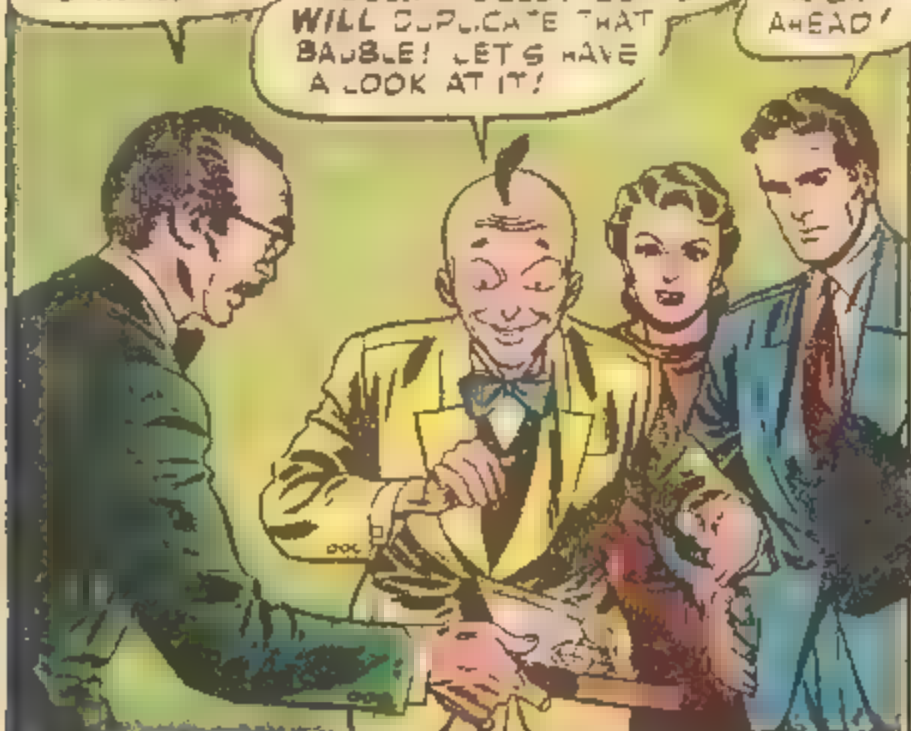
PARDON ME, MR. ROY, BUT THERE'S AN ARMORED CAR WAITING TO TAKE THE STAR OF EGYPT'S DIAMOND YOU USED ON THE SHOW BACK TO THE MUSEUM!

ER, HOLD ON! I HAVE A MAN HERE WHO CLAIMS HE CAN DUPLICATE ANYTHING I NAME! HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE TWO DIAMONDS LIKE THAT FOR YOUR COLLECTION?



IMPOSSIBLE! THERE'S ONLY ONE DIAMOND LIKE THIS IN ALL THE WORLD! I WON'T BORE YOU WITH MAGIC WORDS OR INSULT YOUR INTELLIGENCE WITH HOLOGRAMS, BUT I WILL DUPLICATE THAT BAUBLE! LET'S HAVE A LOOK AT IT!

GO RIGHT AHEAD!

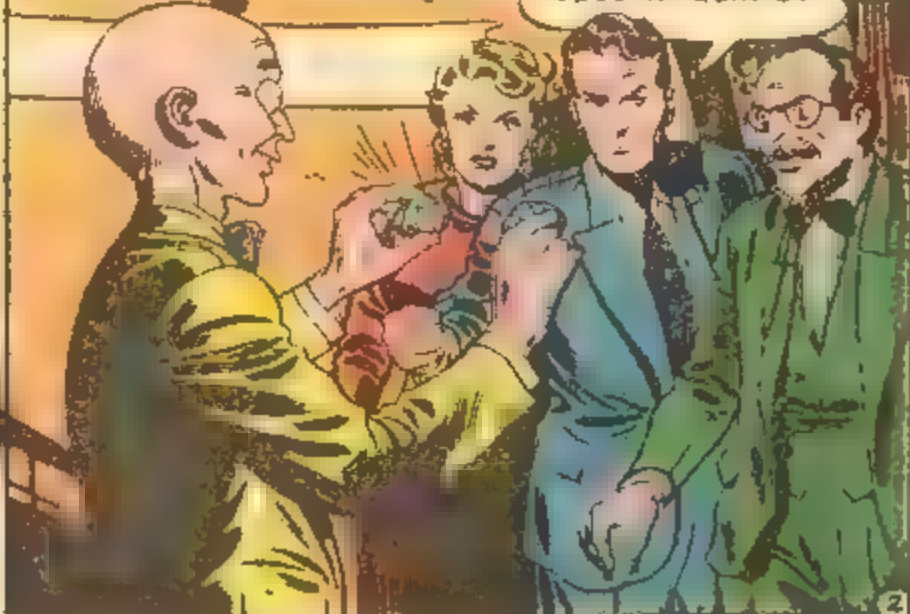


SECONDS LATER, AFTER MYSTERIOUSLY WORKING HIS HANDS AND SEEKING TO FASHION A MODEL FROM ELIOT'S REPPED RIGHT OUT OF THE AIR.

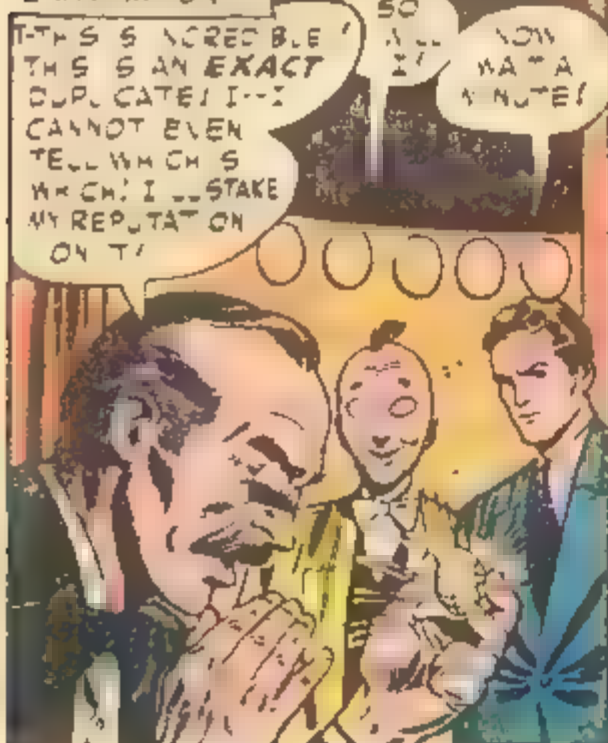
THERE YOU ARE! HOW'S THAT?

ROY... HE DID IT!

LET ME SEE THAT! YOU'RE AN EXPERT! YOU CAN TELL IN SECONDS HOW GOOD THIS SECOND GEM IS!



AFTER THE EXPERT GIVES THE DUPLICATE GET A SPECIAL THOROUGH EXAMINATION



"THIS IS INCREDIBLE! THIS IS AN EXACT DUPLICATE! I--I CANNOT EVEN TELL WHICH IS WHICH! I'LL STAKE MY REPUTATION ON IT!"

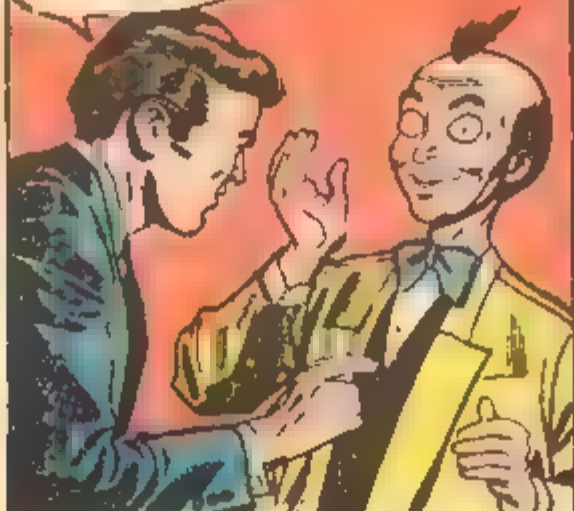
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IT!

"NOW WAIT A MINUTE!"

YOU SAID BEFORE YOU DON'T WANT TO INSULT MY INTELLIGENCE! ARE YOU ACTUALLY TRYING TO TELL ME THAT YOU CAN DUPLICATE ANYTHING? AND EXPECT ME TO BELIEVE IT?



ALL YOU HAVE TO DO, MY DEAR SIR, IS PUT ME TO THE TEST!

ER, ROY, THAT VAN GOGH PAINTING YOU BORROWED FOR NEXT WEEK'S SHOW... I'D SO MUCH LOVE TO HAVE ONE JUST LIKE IT!

KAREN, DON'T BE RIDICULOUS!



NOT AT ALL! NOTHING IS TOO GOOD FOR A PRETTY LADY! IF IT'S AN ORIGINAL VAN GOGH SHE WANTS, SHE'LL HAVE IT!

THIS IS INSANE...



BUT IN A LOT LESS TIME THAN IT WOULD TAKE TO PAINT A PENNY PICTURE POSTCARD.

DON'T LOOK NOW, ROY, BUT I DO BELIEVE I'VE SUDDENLY BECOME THE OWNER OF AN ORIGINAL VAN GOGH!

I DON'T BELIEVE IT! ROGER, RUN ACROSS THE STREET TO THE BARRETT ART GALLERY, AND ASK PROFESSOR BARRETT TO PLEASE COME RIGHT OVER HERE!



BUT SOON AFTER THE ARRIVAL OF THE FAMED ART EXPERT PROFESSOR JOHN BARRETT...

I... GULP... I'M SORRY, BUT I SURELY CAN'T SAY WHICH IS THE ORIGINAL ONE! IN MY ENTIRE CAREER, I HAVE NEVER SEEN! TELL ME, WHICH ONE IS THE GENUINE ONE?

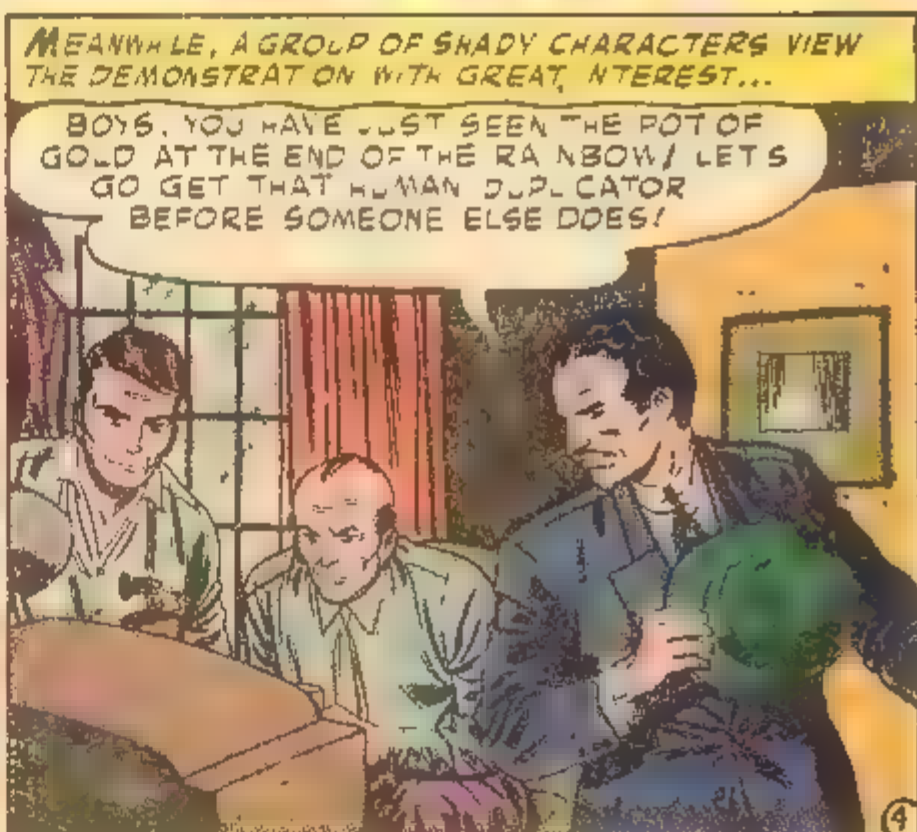
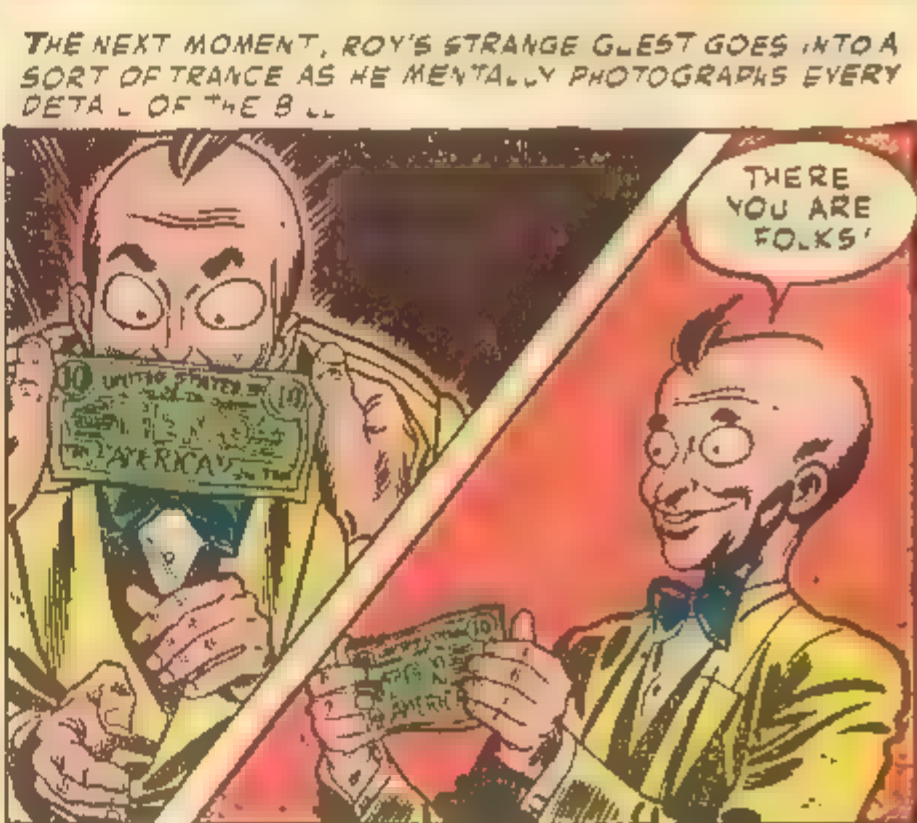
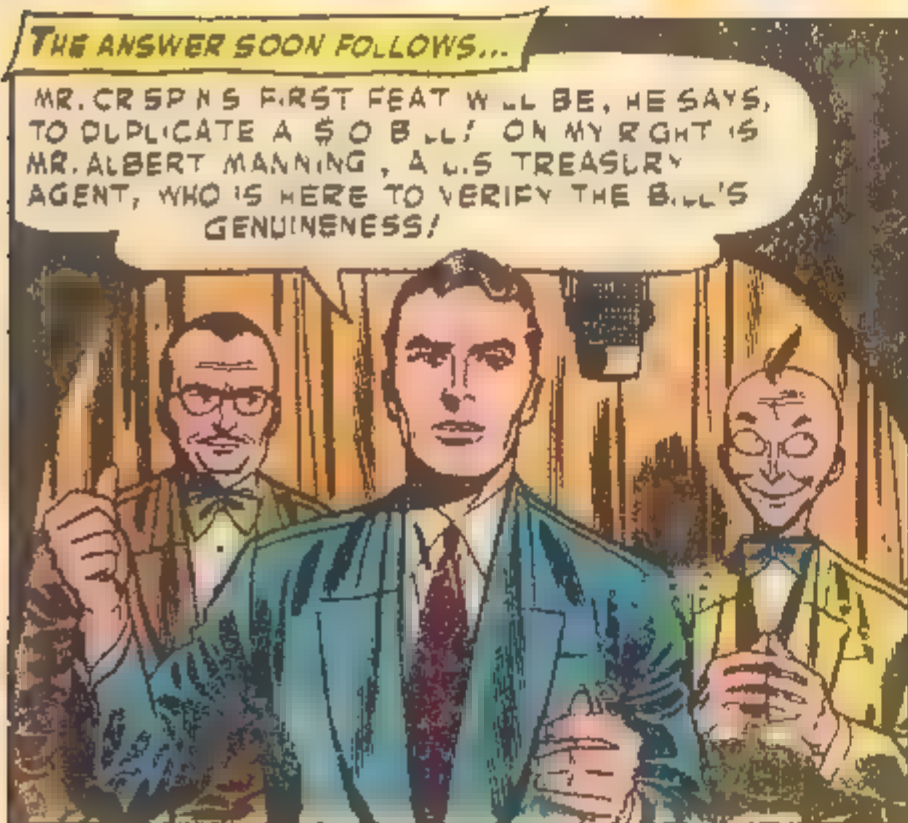
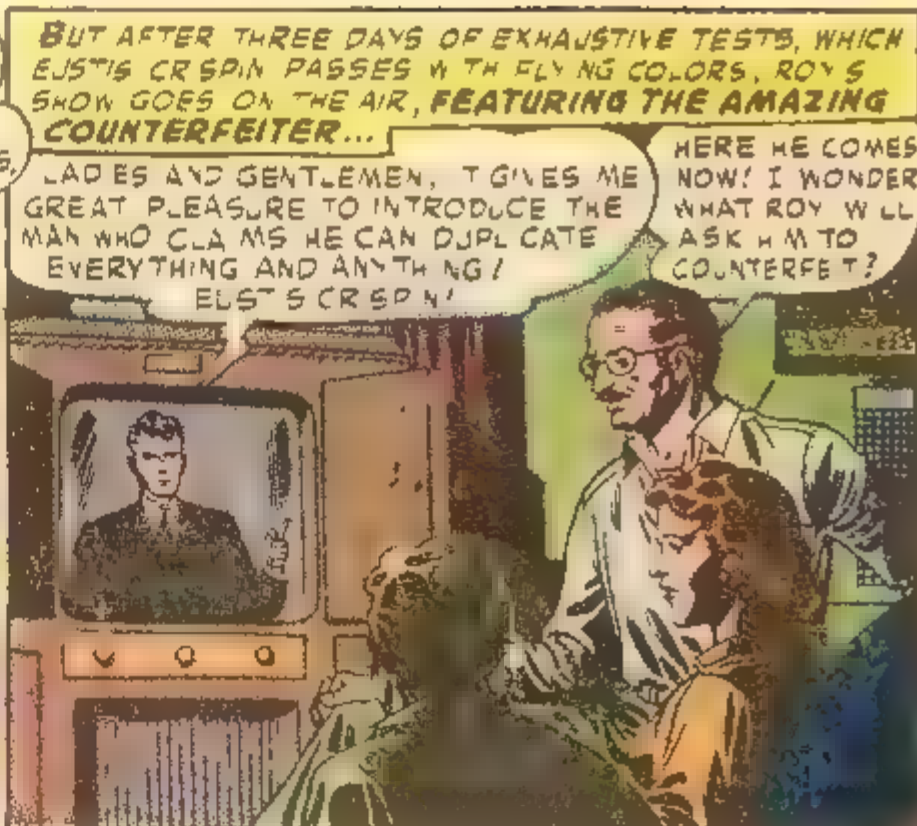
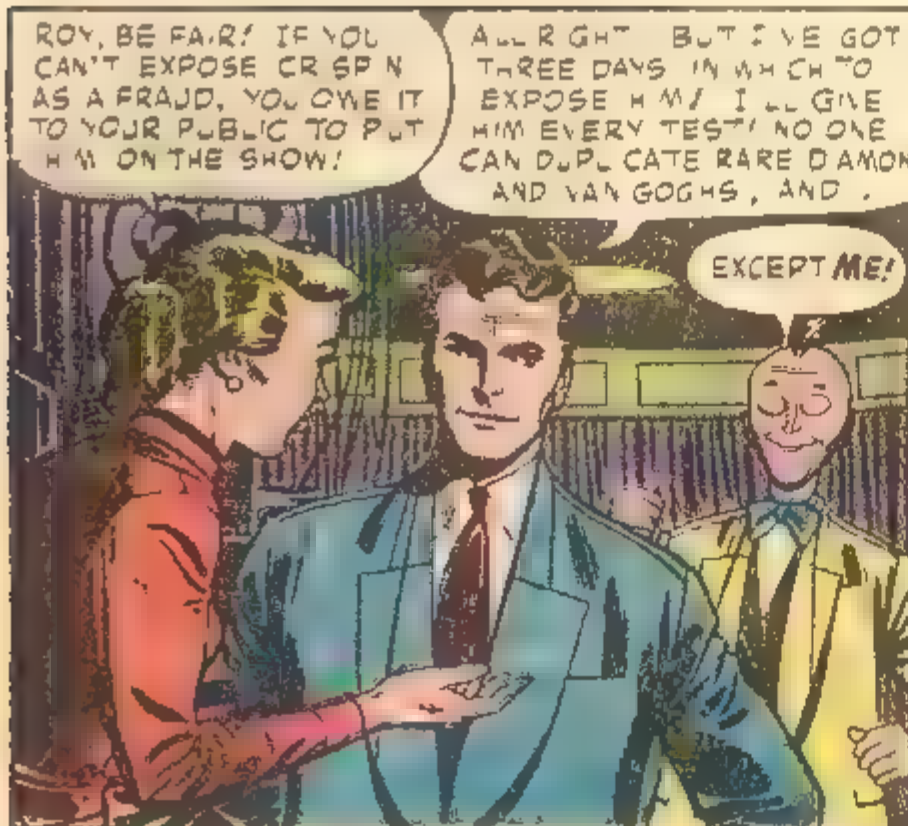
THEY'RE BOTH GENUINE! ONLY THIS ONE WAS MADE BY ME... JUST'S CRISPIN!



WELL, ROY, WE SHOULD BOTH BE VERY HAPPY! I'VE GOT A VAN GOGH... AND YOU HAVE THE MOST REMARKABLE ITEM IN THE WORLD FOR NEXT WEEK'S SHOW!

KAREN, DON'T ASK ME TO BELIEVE THIS! I DON'T KNOW HOW HE DID IT, BUT I KNOW IT'S A FAKE! IT MUST BE A FAKE!





SOMETIME LATER, AS ROY, CRISP AND KAREY ARE LEAVING BY THE STAGE DOOR

I STILL DON'T BELIEVE HER WHO ARE YOU?

WELL, THE WORD! THESE GATS ARE LOADED! JOE, FRISK 'EM MAKE SURE THEY'RE NOT CARRYING ANY GUNS!

CUTE LITTLE GADGET! WHAT'S IT?



AND STILL LATER, IN THE HIDEOUT FLAT.

NOW THAT YOU'VE BROUGHT US HERE WHAT DO YOU WANT OF US?

ARE YOU KIDDING? HERE'S A 10, A 20 AND A 50-DOLLAR BILL! PUT THAT HUMAN WANT OF YOURS TO WORK! WE'LL BE BACK IN 10 MINUTES AND WE EXPECT THIS PLACE TO LOOK LIKE FORT KNOS WHEN WE DO - OR ELSE!

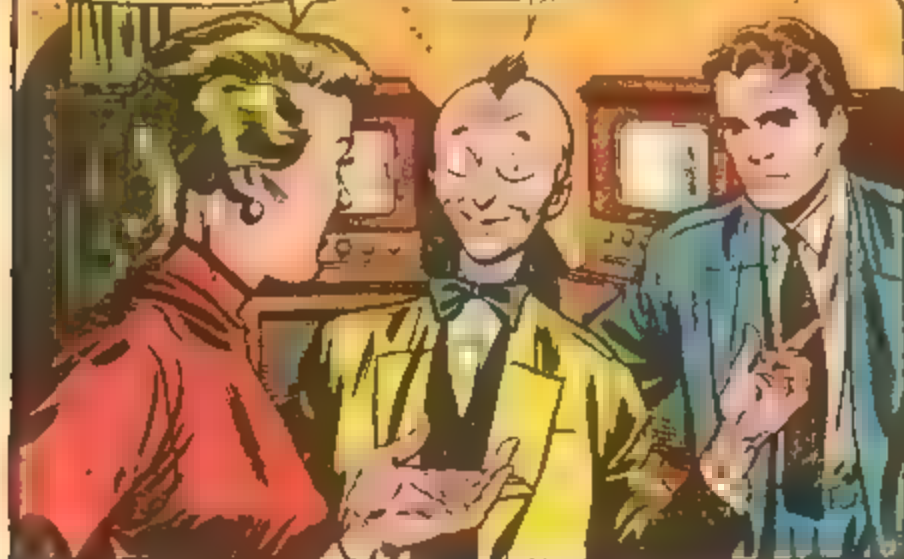


THEN, AS THE MINUTES TICK BY...

THIS IS A LOVELY SPOT TO BE IN! WE CAN'T LET CRISP BECOME A COUNTERFEITER!

WHY NOT? I JUST COUNTERFEITED ANOTHER TELEVISION SET!

WAIT A MINUTE... THAT GIVES ME AN IDEA!



ACCORDINGLY, WHEN THE CROOKS RETURN IN 10 MINUTES...

HEY, WHERE'D YOU GET THAT GUN? WE FRISKED YOU ALL AND YOU DON'T HAVE A GUN BEFORE!

WELL, ER... I HATE TO ADMIT THIS BUT MR CRISP'S HERE. HE'S ER... **DUPLICATED** THE ONE HE SAW IN YOUR HAND!

I'LL CALL THE POLICE, ROY!



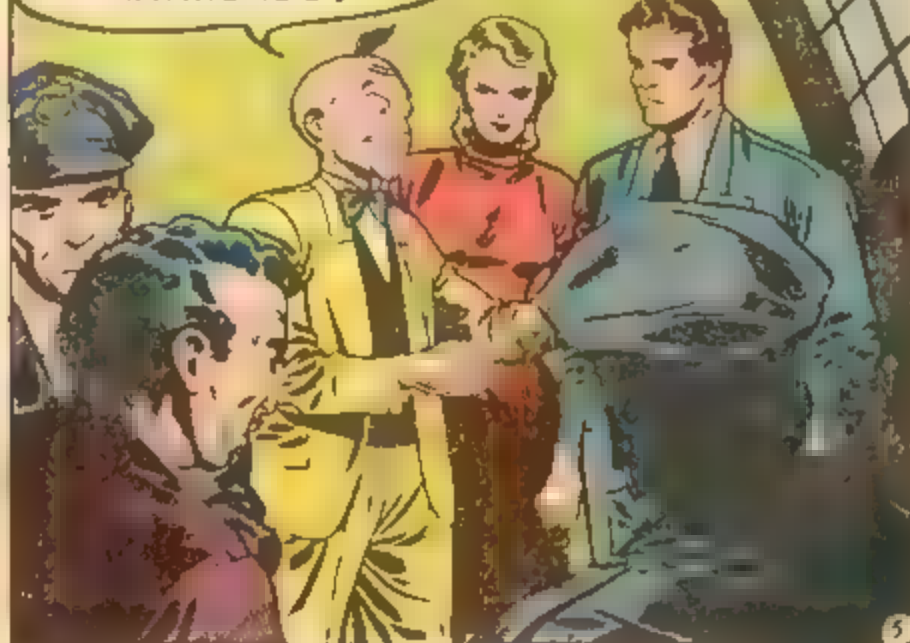
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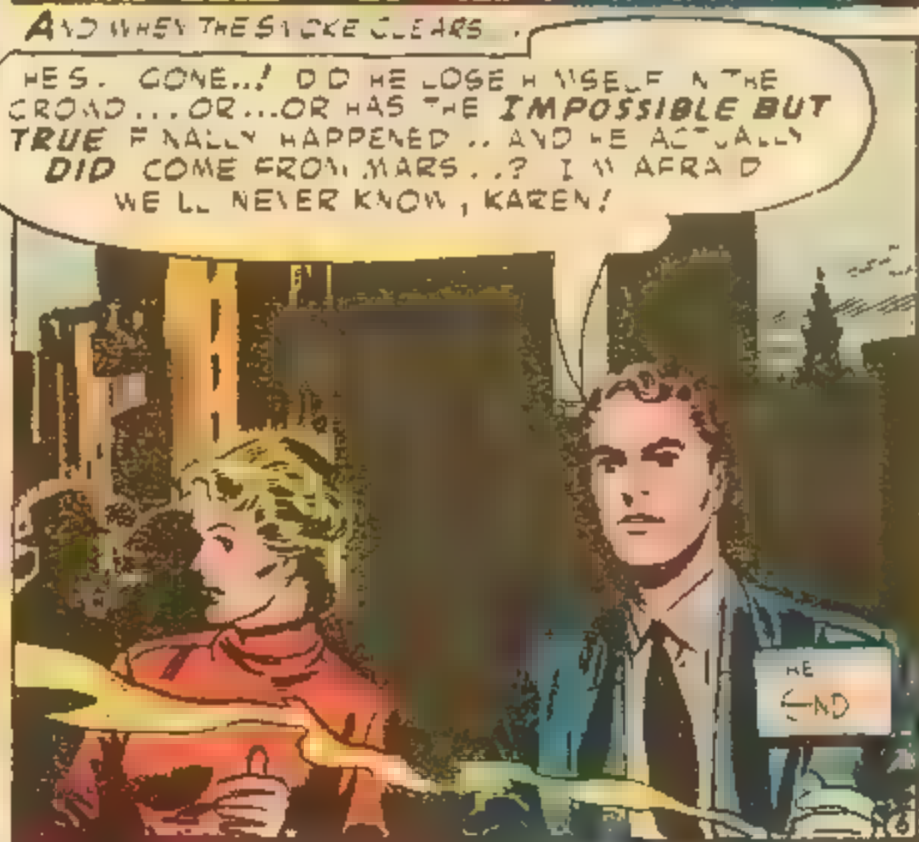
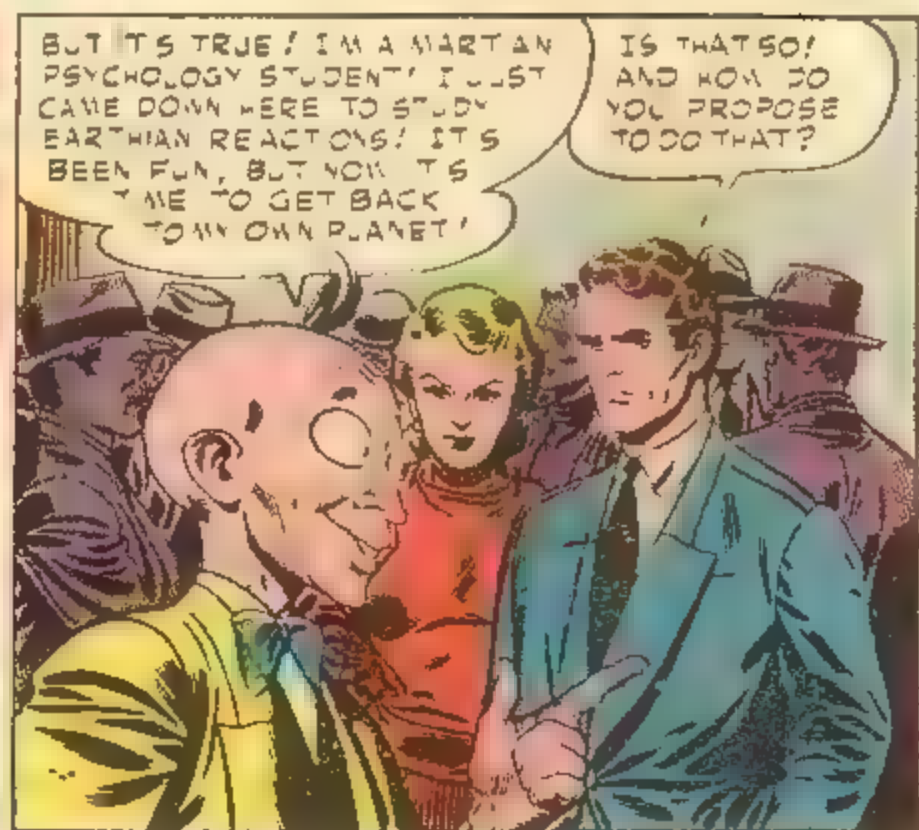
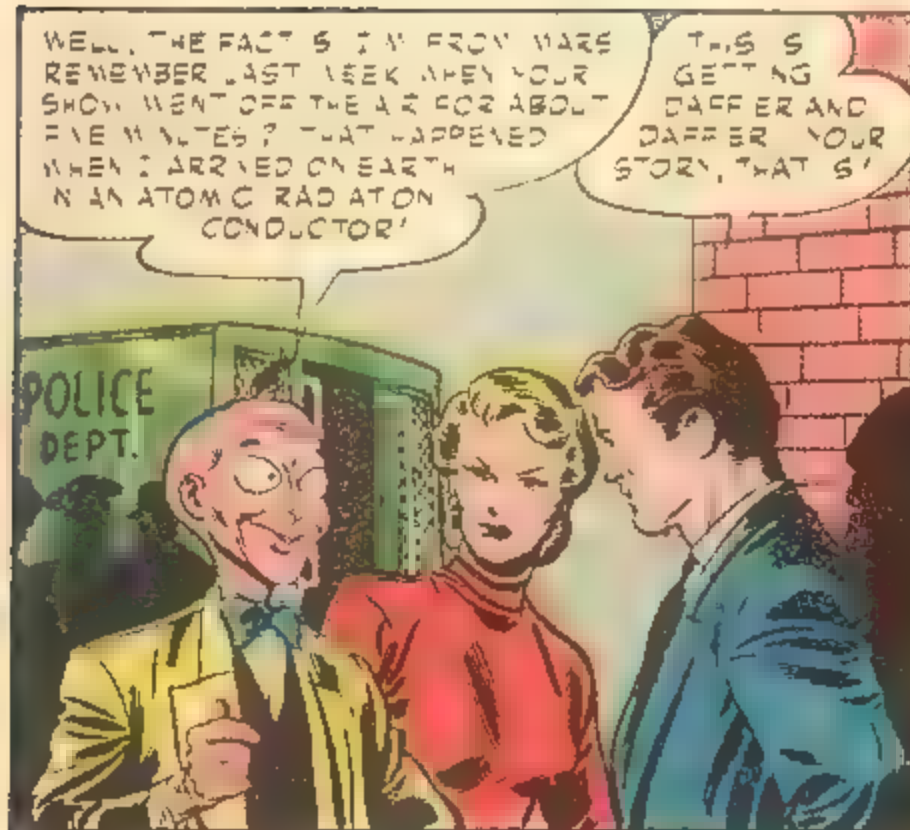
LOOK, CRISP! FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MY CAREER, I'M CALLING IT QUITS! I GIVE UP! I KNOW YOU PUT ONE OVER ON ME, BUT HOW DID YOU DO IT? HOW DO YOU FAKE THOSE DUPLICATIONS?



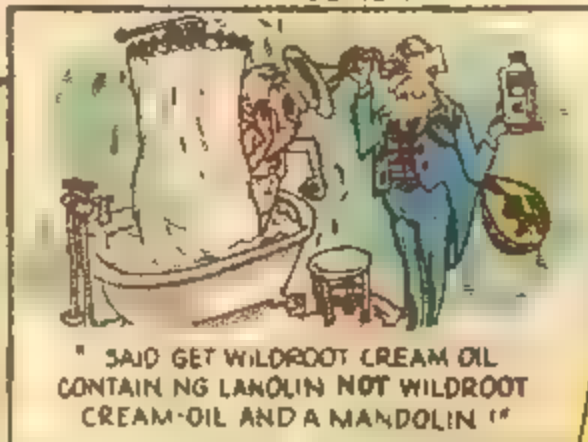
BUT I DON'T FAKE 'EM! I CAN REALLY DUPLICATE ANYTHING! HOW DO YOU LIKE TO SEE TWO ROY RAYMONDS?

NO! JUST TELL ME HOW YOU DID IT! THAT'S ALL I ASK!



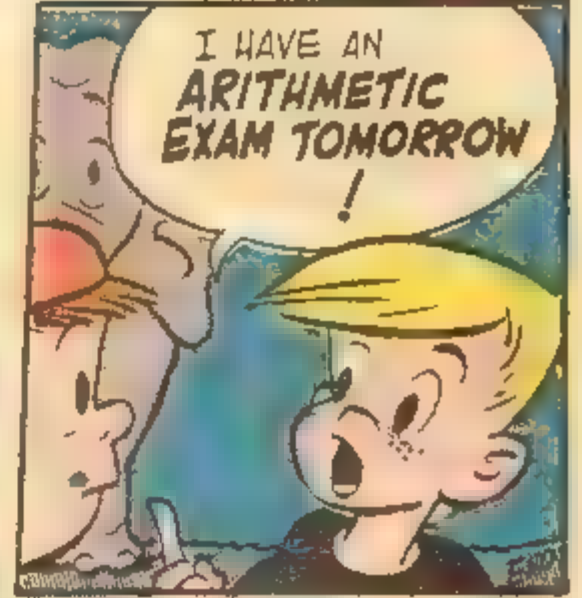
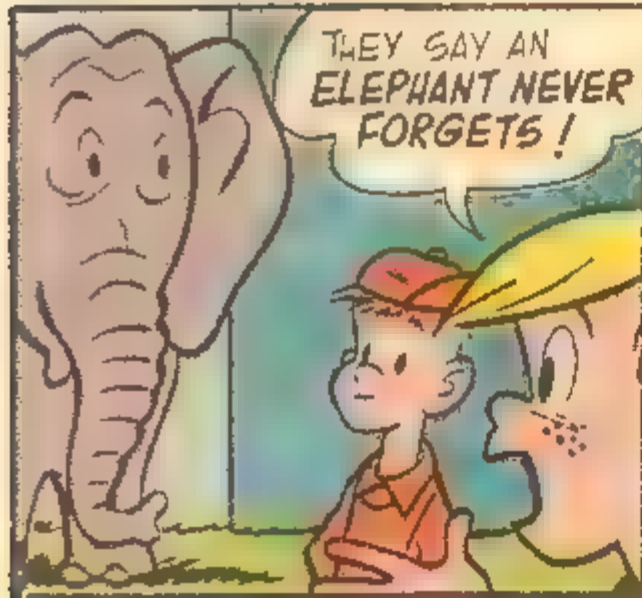
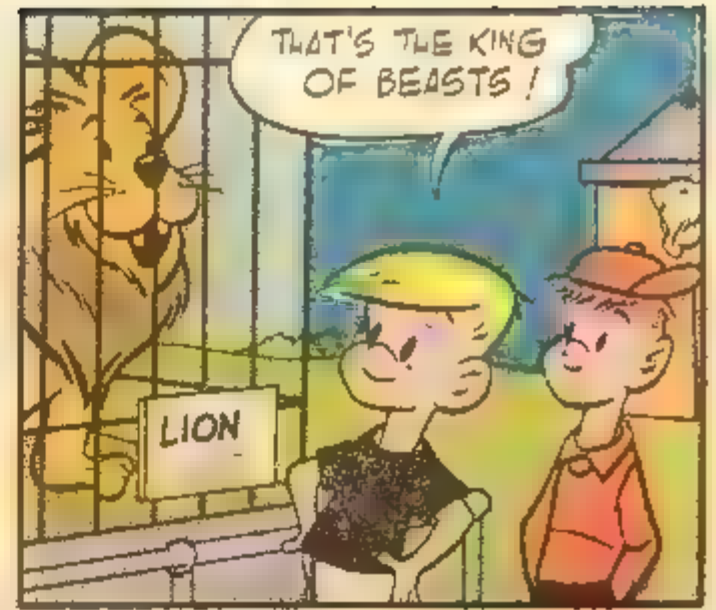
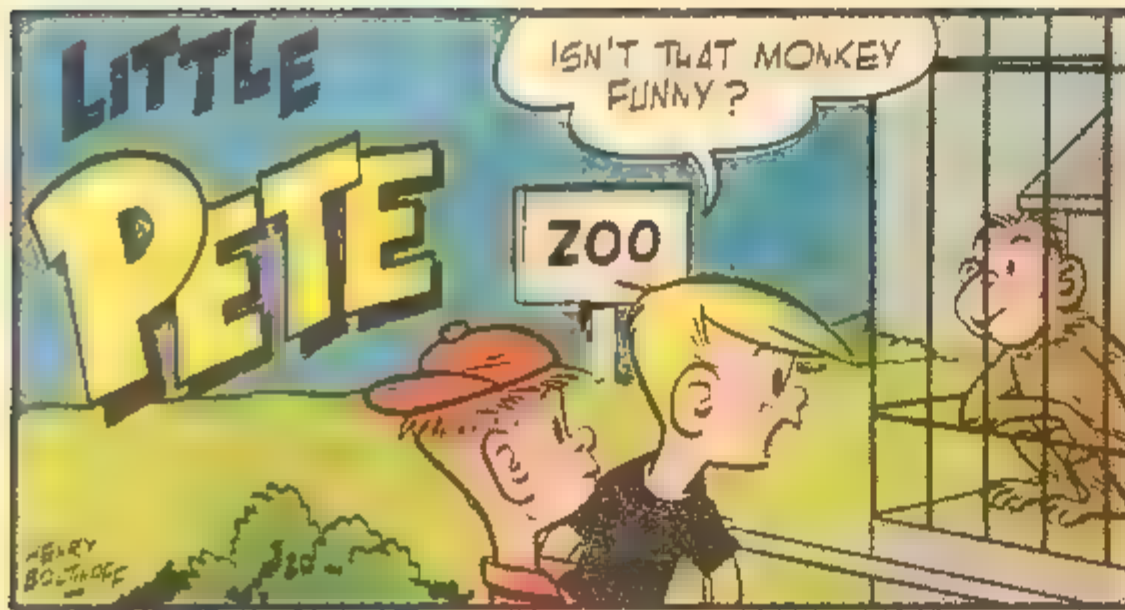


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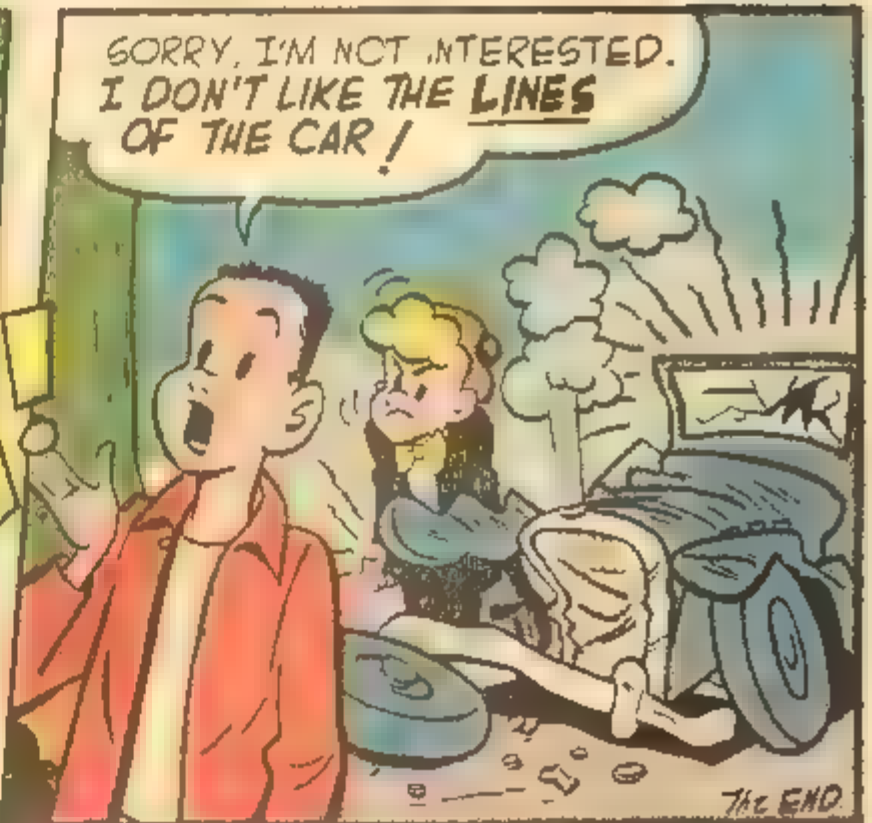
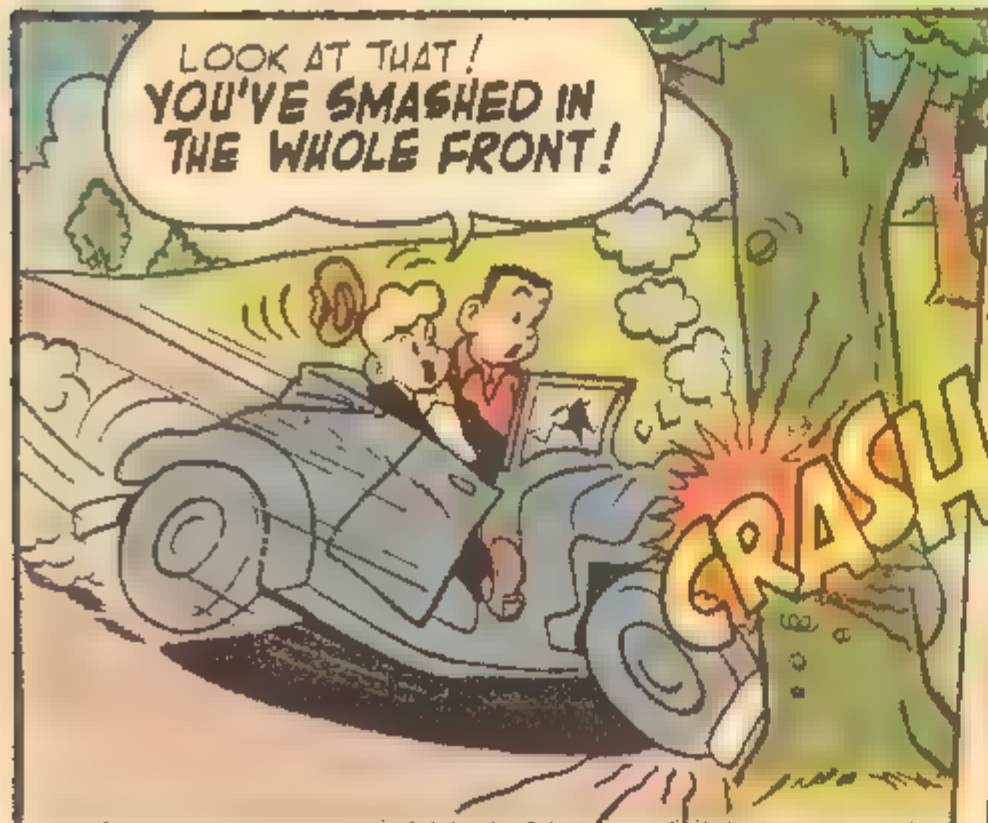
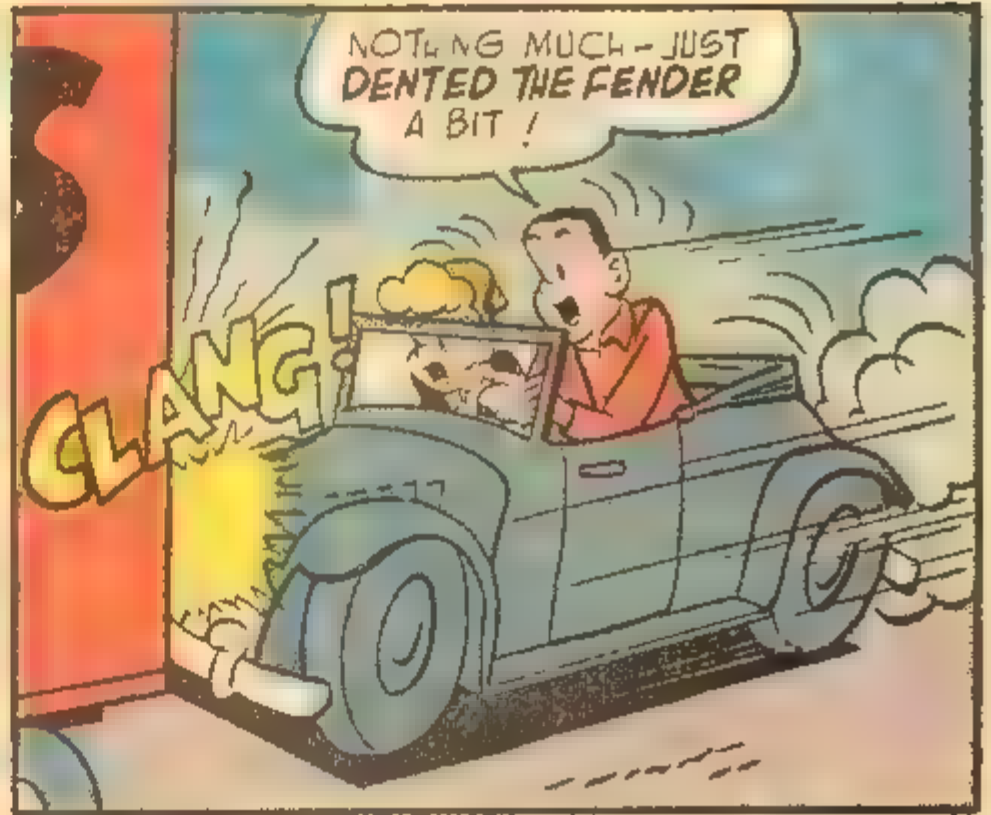
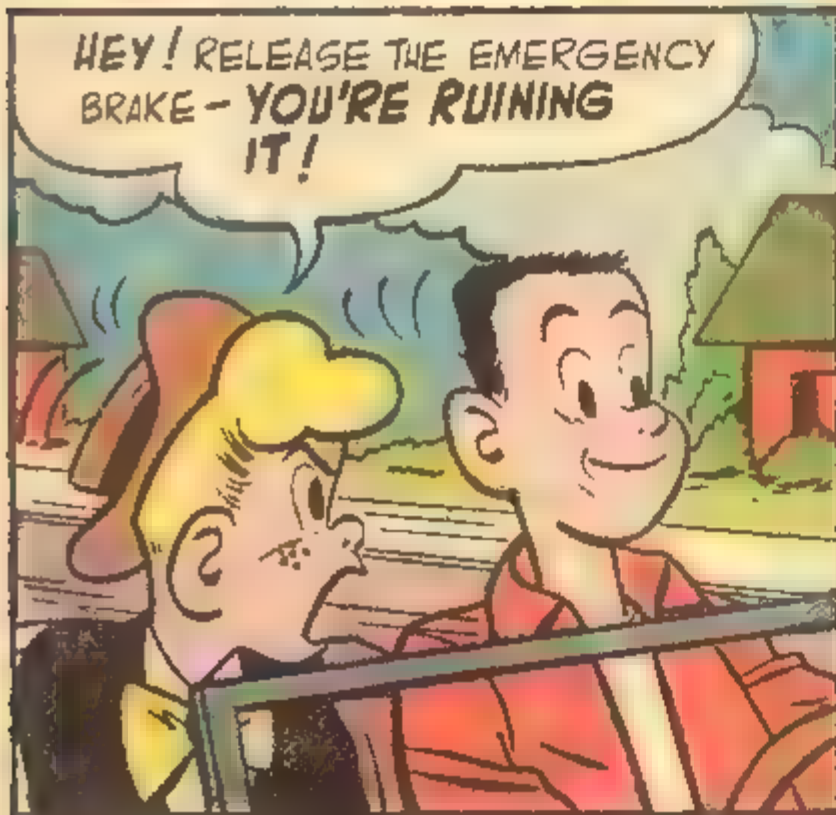
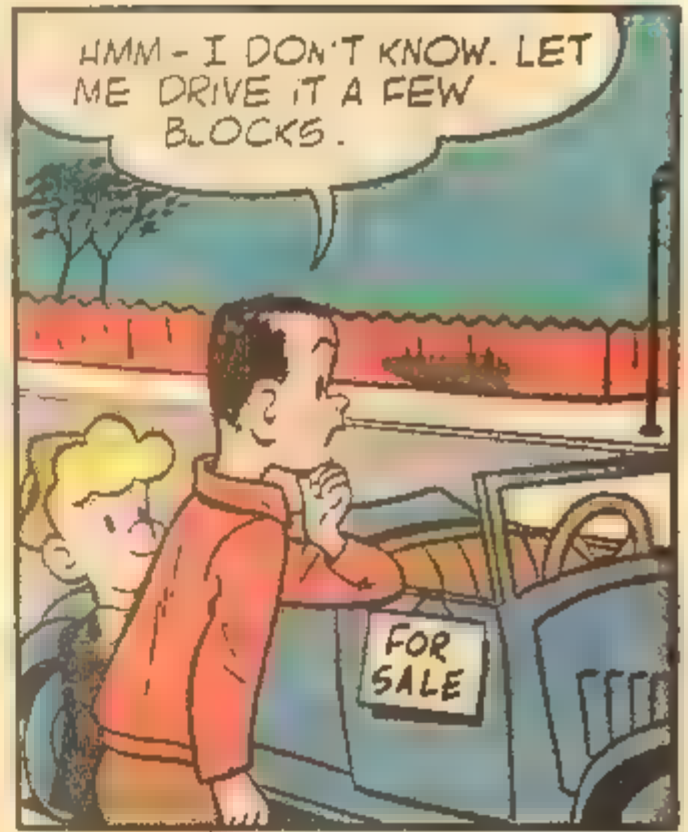
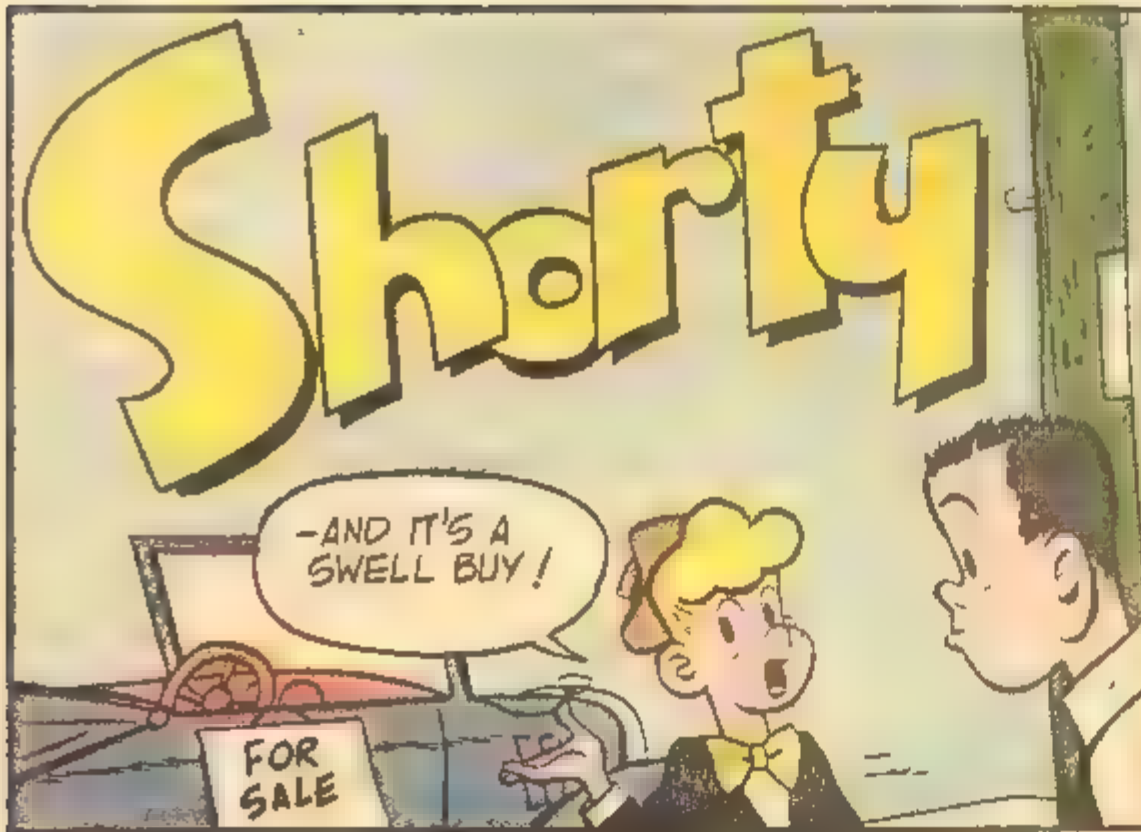
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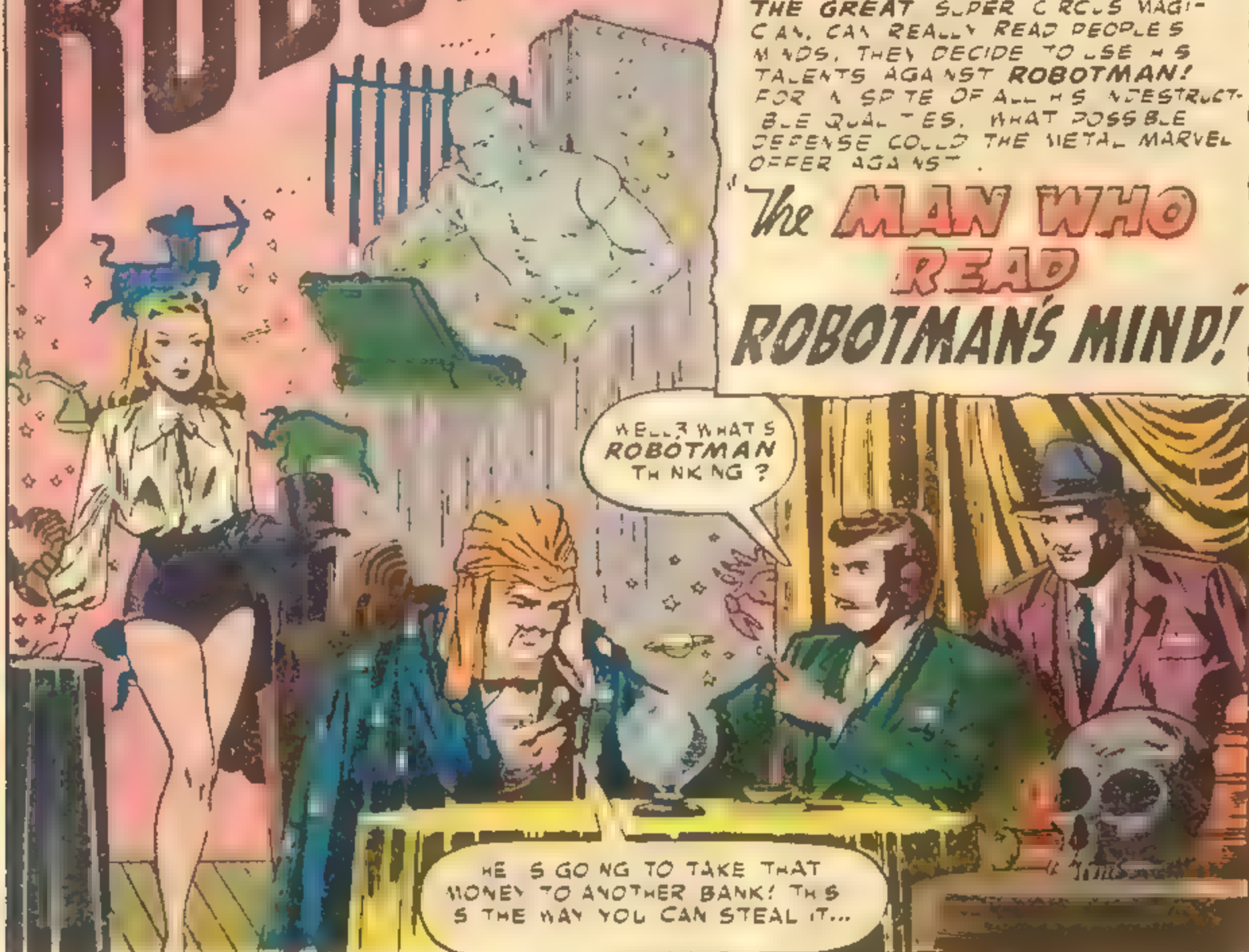
Void where restricted. Hurry. Hurry. offer limited to current supply.



ROBOTMAN

WHEN UNDERWORLD HOODLUMS ARE CONVINCED THAT **MAGICO** THE GREAT SUPER CIRCUS MAGICIAN, CAN REALLY READ PEOPLE'S MINDS, THEY DECIDE TO USE HIS TALENTS AGAINST **ROBOTMAN!** FOR A SPITE OF ALL HIS INDESTRUCTIBLE QUALITIES, WHAT POSSIBLE DEFENSE COULD THE METAL MARVEL OFFER AGAINST...

The **MAN WHO**
READ
ROBOTMAN'S MIND!



THE BLARE OF NICKELODEONS AND THE CRIES OF BARKERS RAG ACROSS THE MIDWAY, FOR THE CIRCUS IS IN TOWN! AND IN ONE OF THE Sideshow TENTS...

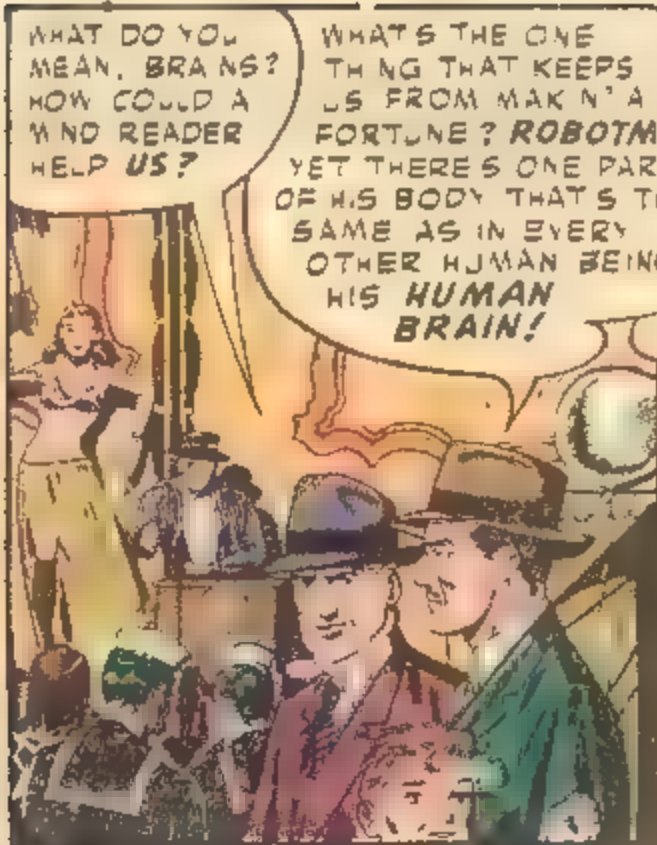
WHAT IS THIS YOUNG LADY THINKING, MAGICO?

IT COMES TO ME SLOWLY, YES! SHE THINKS OF HER HUSBAND WONDERING IF HE'LL BE ANGRY BECAUSE SHE BOUGHT A NEW HAT!

OH MY GOODNESS! HE'S RIGHT! OH DEAR...

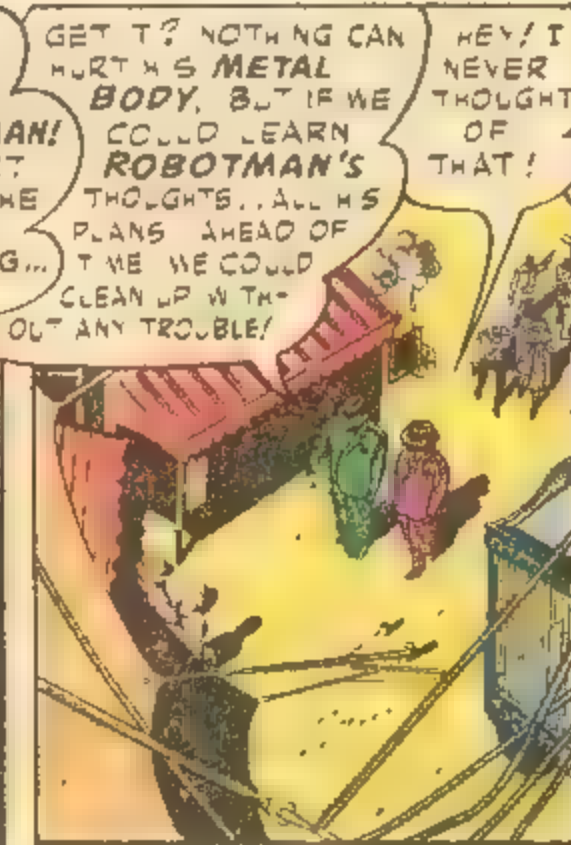
YOU HEAR THAT, BOY? THIS GUY IS TERRIFIC! WE COULD USE HIM!





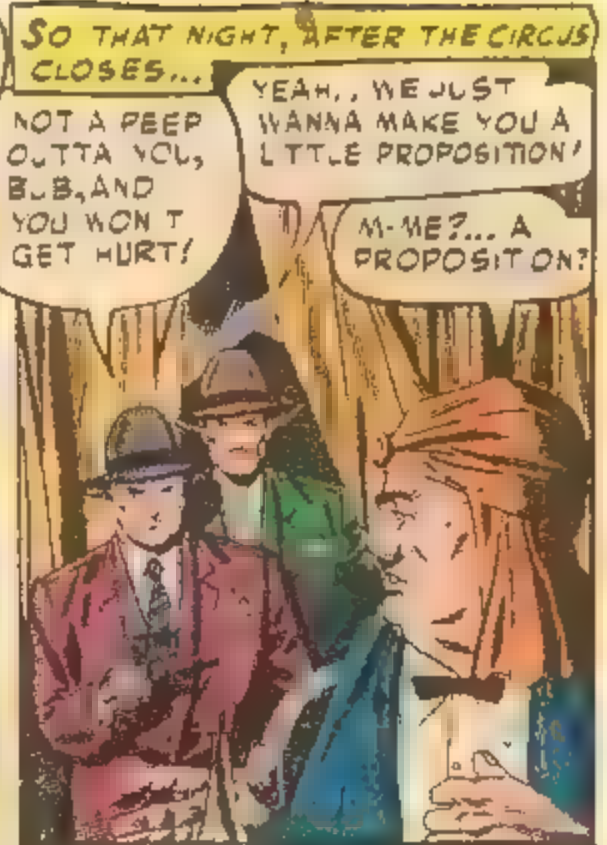
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, BRANS? HOW COULD A MIND READER HELP US?

WHAT'S THE ONE THING THAT KEEPS US FROM MAKING A FORTUNE? **ROBOTMAN!** YET THERE'S ONE PART OF HIS BODY THAT'S THE SAME AS IN EVERY OTHER HUMAN BEING... HIS **HUMAN BRAIN!**



GET IT? NOTHING CAN HURT HIS **METAL BODY**, BUT IF WE COULD LEARN **ROBOTMAN'S** THOUGHTS... ALL HIS PLANS AHEAD OF TIME WE COULD CLEAN UP WITHOUT ANY TROUBLE!

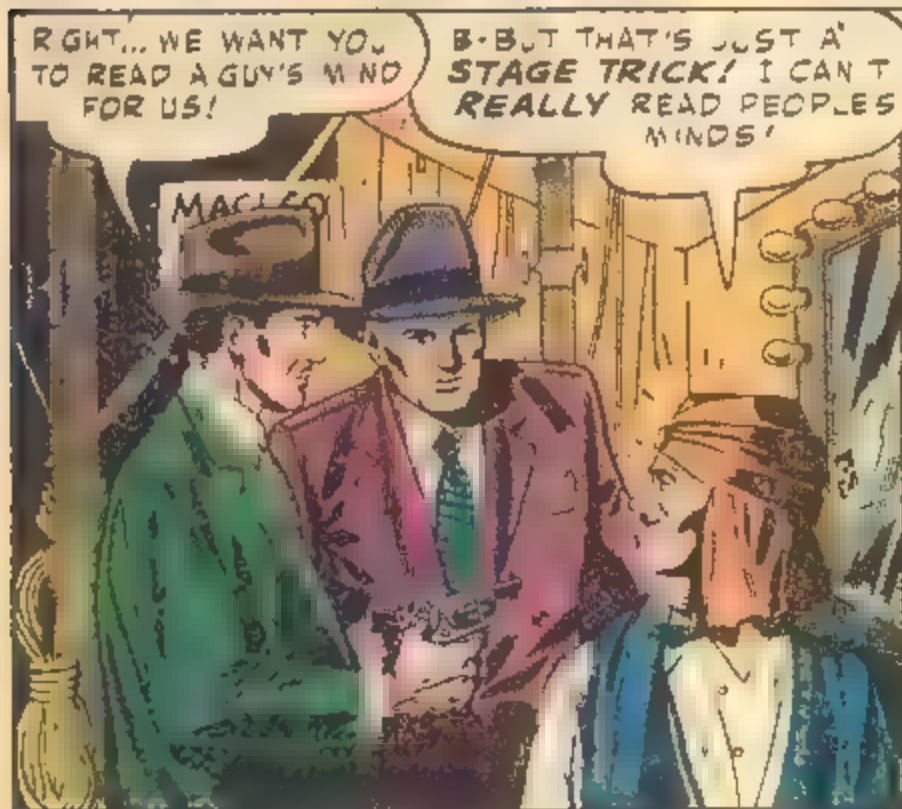
HEY! I NEVER THOUGHT OF THAT!



SO THAT NIGHT, AFTER THE CIRCUS CLOSES... NOT A PEEP OUTTA YOU, BUB, AND YOU WON'T GET HURT!

YEAH... WE JUST WANNA MAKE YOU A LITTLE PROPOSITION!

M-ME?... A PROPOSITION?



RIGHT... WE WANT YOU TO READ A GUY'S MIND FOR US!

B-BUT THAT'S JUST A STAGE TRICK! I CAN'T REALLY READ PEOPLE'S MINDS!

DON'T HAND US THAT! WE SAW YOU READ THAT GRL'S MIND... WE KNOW YOU CAN DO IT! YOU'LL READ **ROBOTMAN'S** MIND OR ELSE!

NO---PLEASE, YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND! THAT GRL WAS IN ON THE TRICK. JUST LIKE ALL THE OTHERS WHOSE MINDS I 'READ'!

OR ELSE YOU'LL GET THIS!



AT THAT MOMENT, AS PAUL DENNIS, ON HIS WAY HOME FROM THE CIRCUS, PASSES THE MIND READER'S TENT...

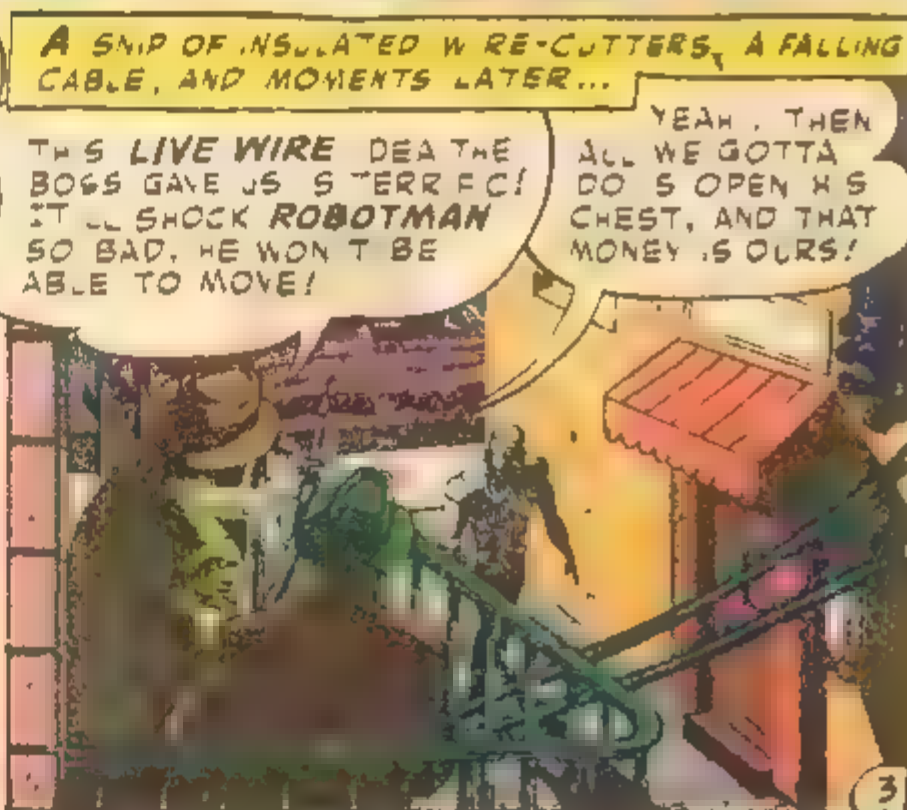
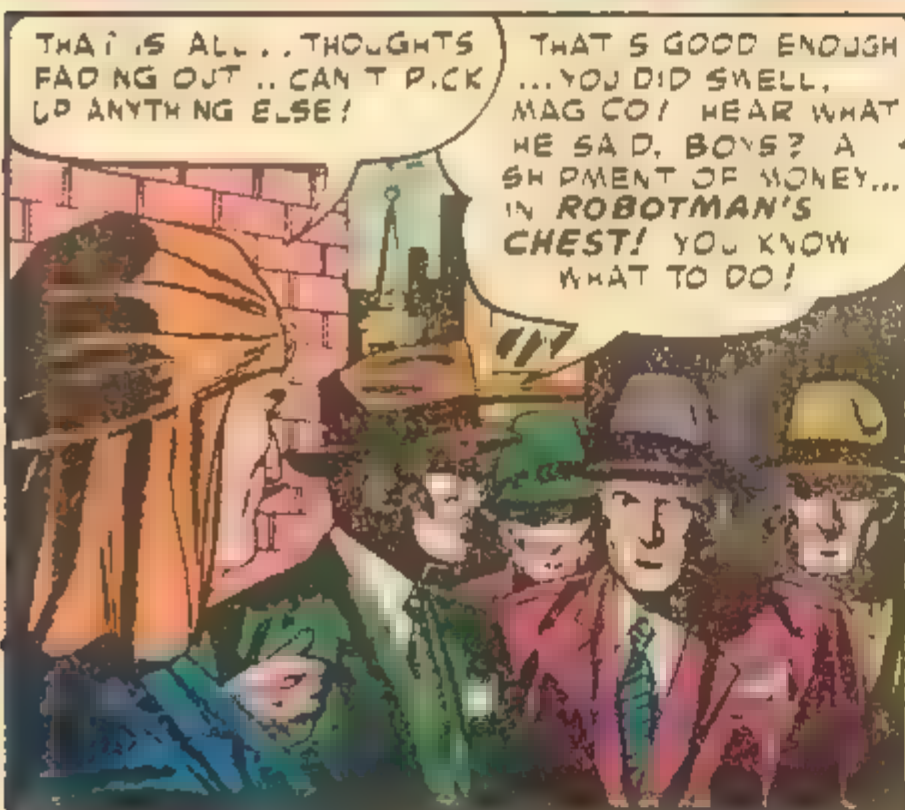
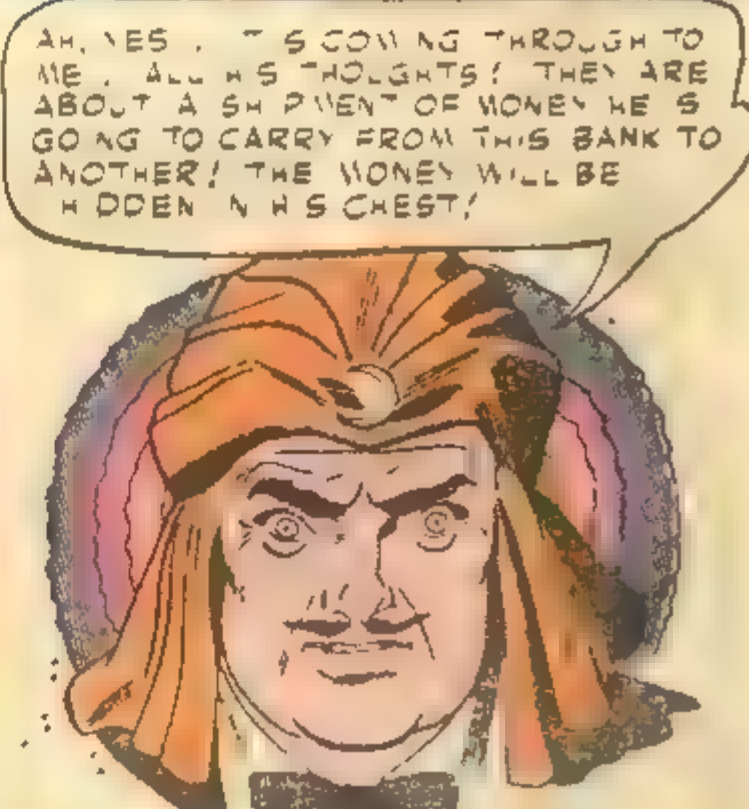
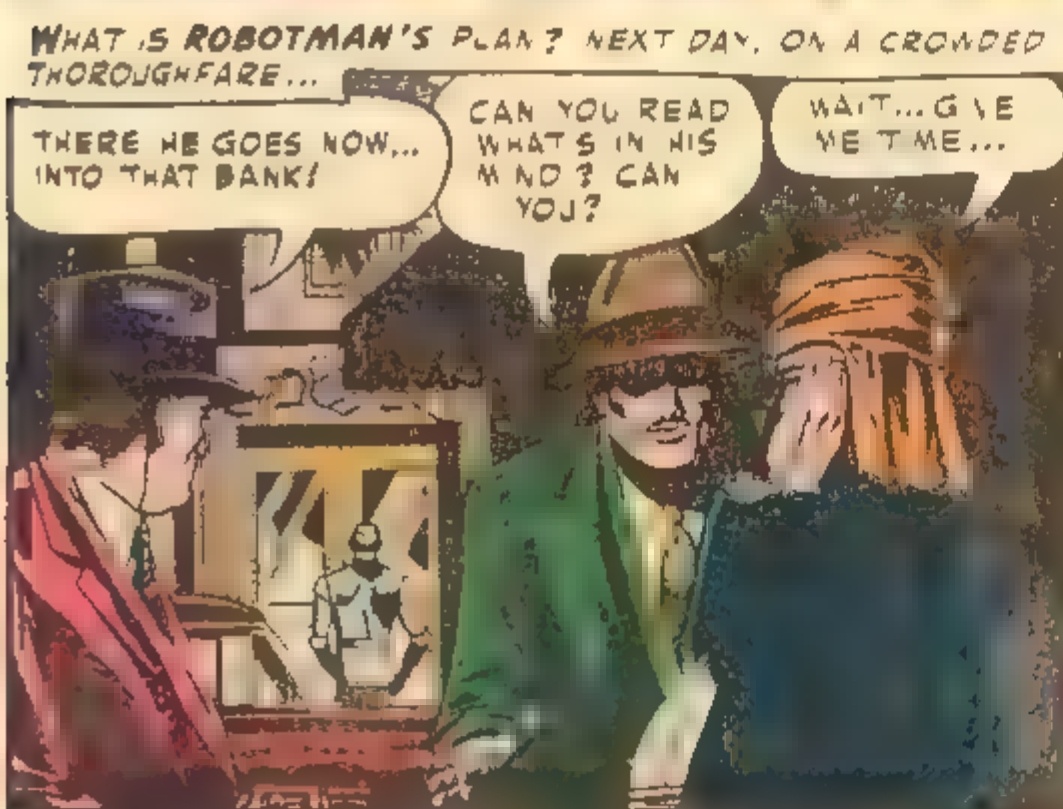
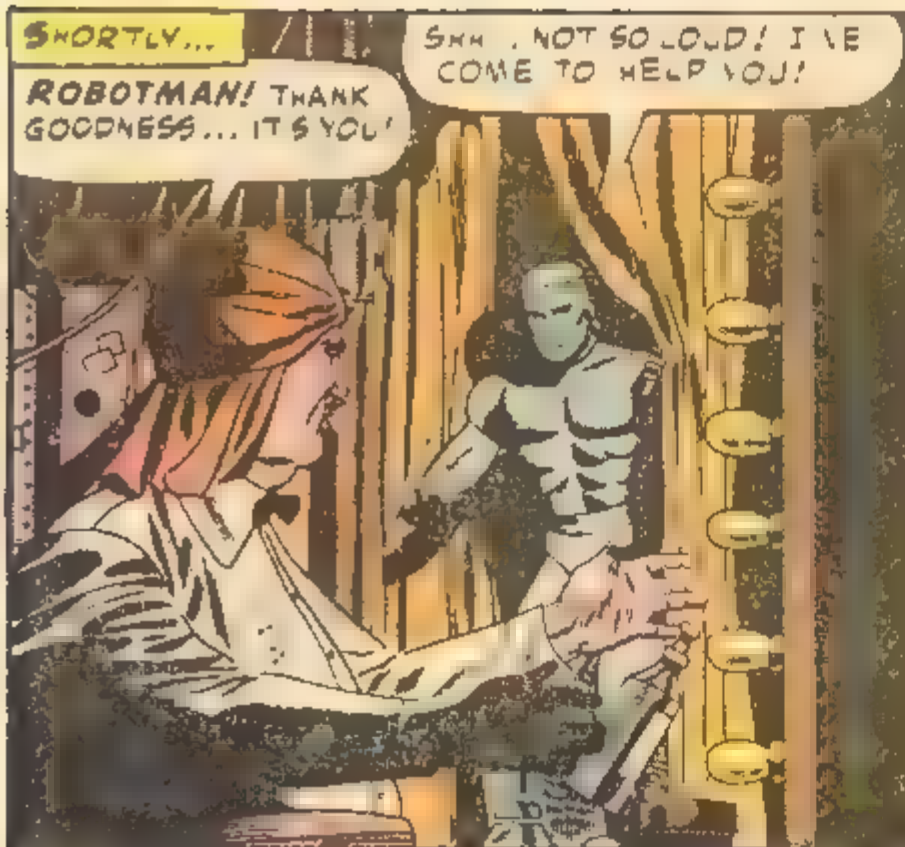
QUIT LYING! LISTEN... EITHER YOU READ **ROBOTMAN'S** MIND... TELL US EVERYTHING HE'S PLANNING... OR YOU'RE A DEAD DUCK!

THAT VOICE... I DO RECOGNIZE IT ANYWHERE! IT BELONGS TO BRANS MCCOLL, THE NOTORIOUS GANGSTER... AND HE'S TALKING ABOUT ME!

AFTER THE CROOKS DEPART, PAUL SLIPS INTO THE SHADOWS, WHERE...

I'LL JUST GET RID OF MY **PLASTIC HUMAN DISGUISE** AND LOOK INTO THIS MATTER... AS **ROBOTMAN!**



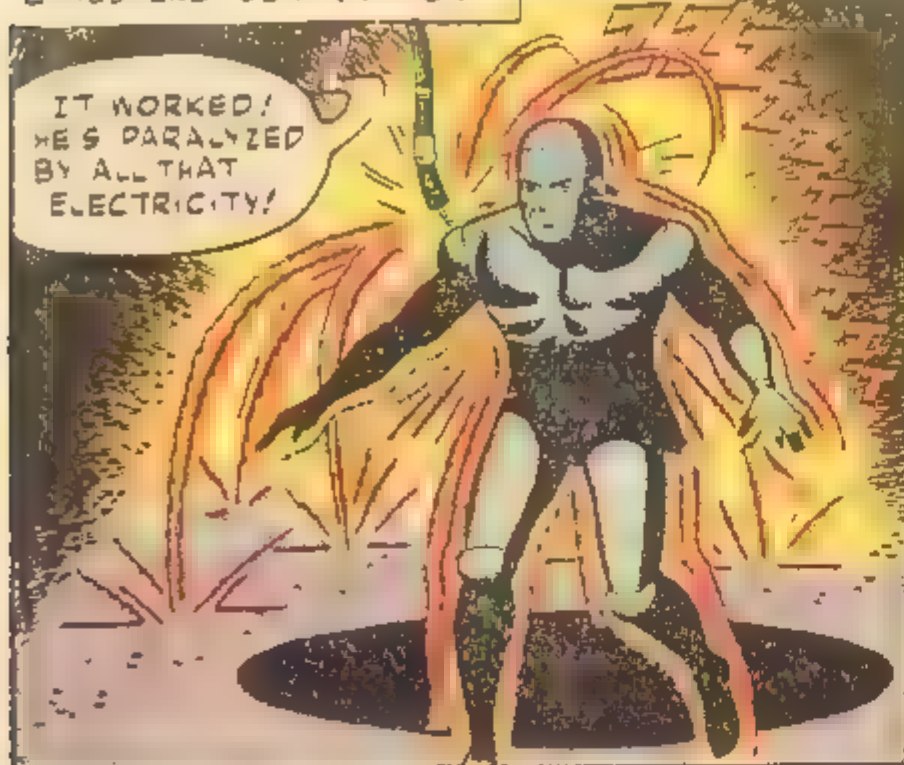




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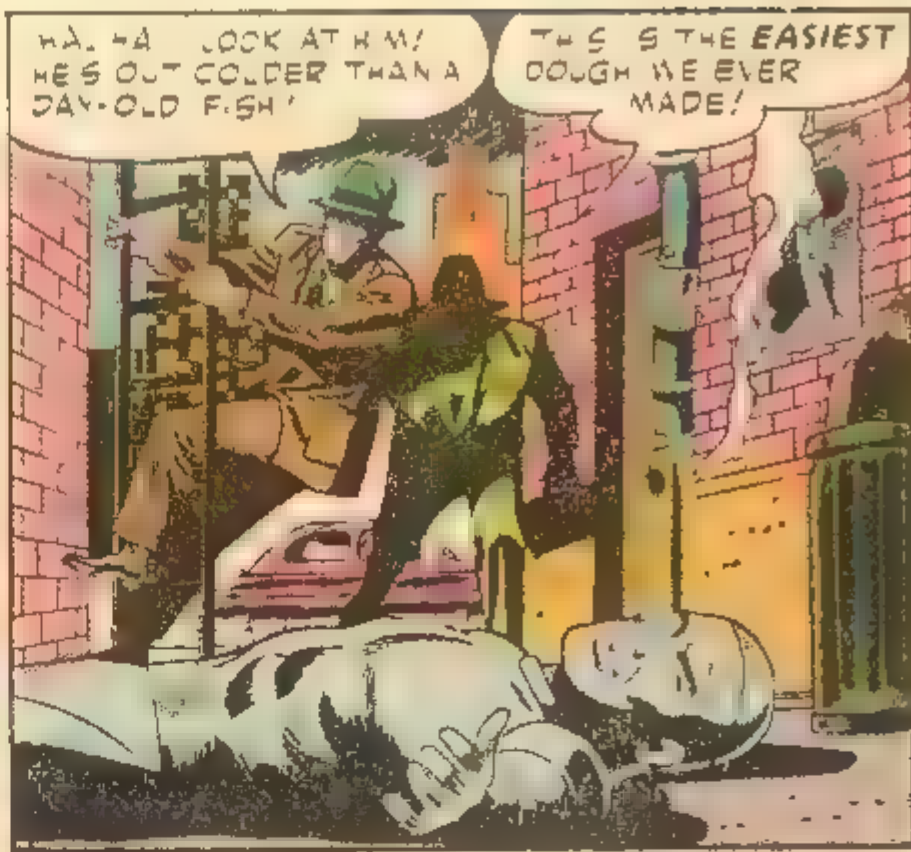
AND AS THE MAN OF METAL PASSES BENEATH THE GANGSTERS' CONSTRUCTION



IT WORKED!
HE'S PARALYZED
BY ALL THAT
ELECTRICITY!

HA HA LOOK AT HIM!
HE'S OUT COLDER THAN A
DAY-OLD FISH!

THIS IS THE EASIEST
DOUGH WE EVER
MADE!



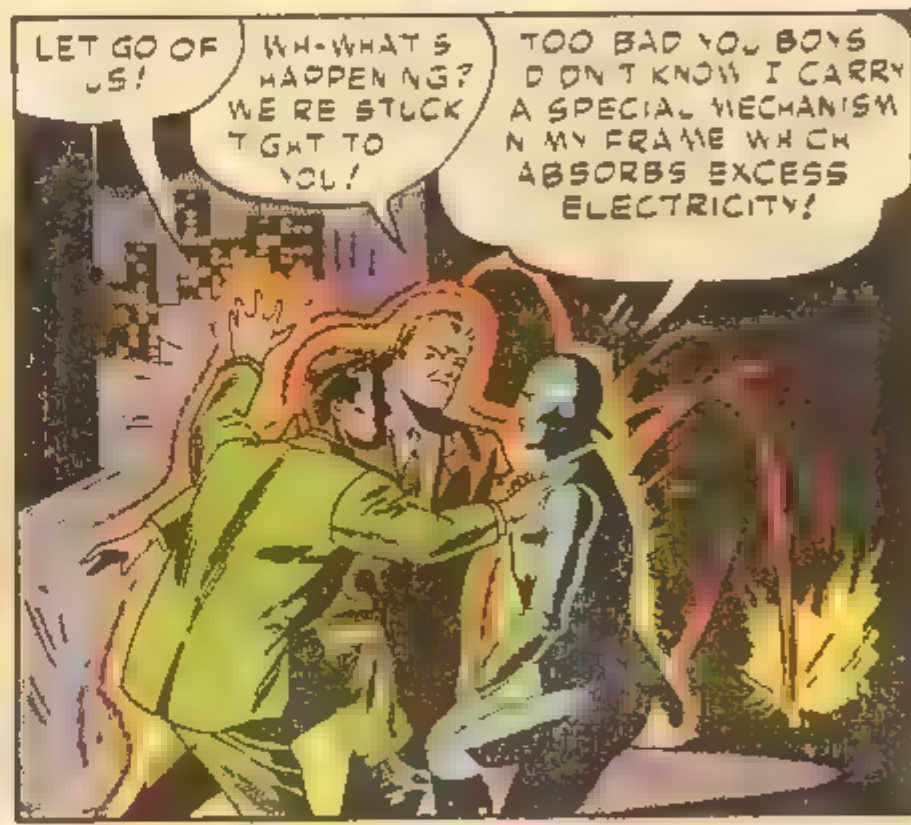
BUT AS GREEDY FINGERS STRETCH OUT TO
UNFASTEN ROBOTMAN'S CHEST PLATE ..



LET GO OF
US!

WH-WHAT'S
HAPPENING?
WE'RE STUCK
TIGHT TO
YOU!

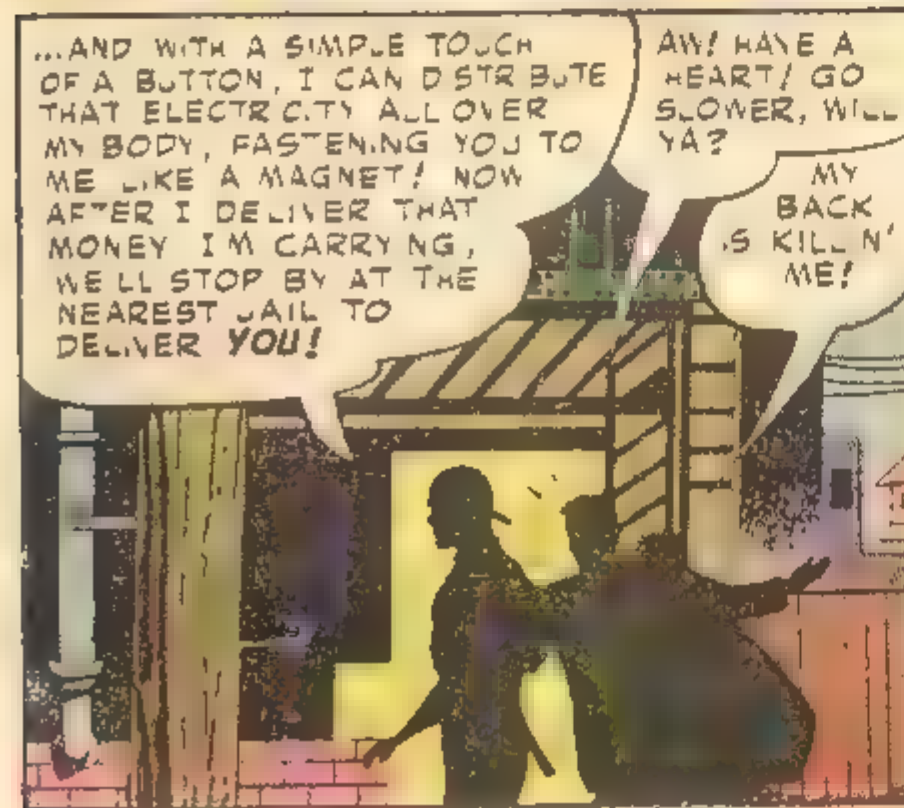
TOO BAD YOU BOYS
DON'T KNOW I CARRY
A SPECIAL MECHANISM
IN MY FRAME WHICH
ABSORBS EXCESS
ELECTRICITY!



...AND WITH A SIMPLE TOUCH
OF A BUTTON, I CAN DISTRIBUTE
THAT ELECTRICITY ALL OVER
MY BODY, FASTENING YOU TO
ME LIKE A MAGNET! NOW
AFTER I DELIVER THAT
MONEY I'M CARRYING,
WE'LL STOP BY AT THE
NEAREST JAIL TO
DELIVER YOU!

AW! HAVE A
HEART! GO
SLOWER, WILL
YA?

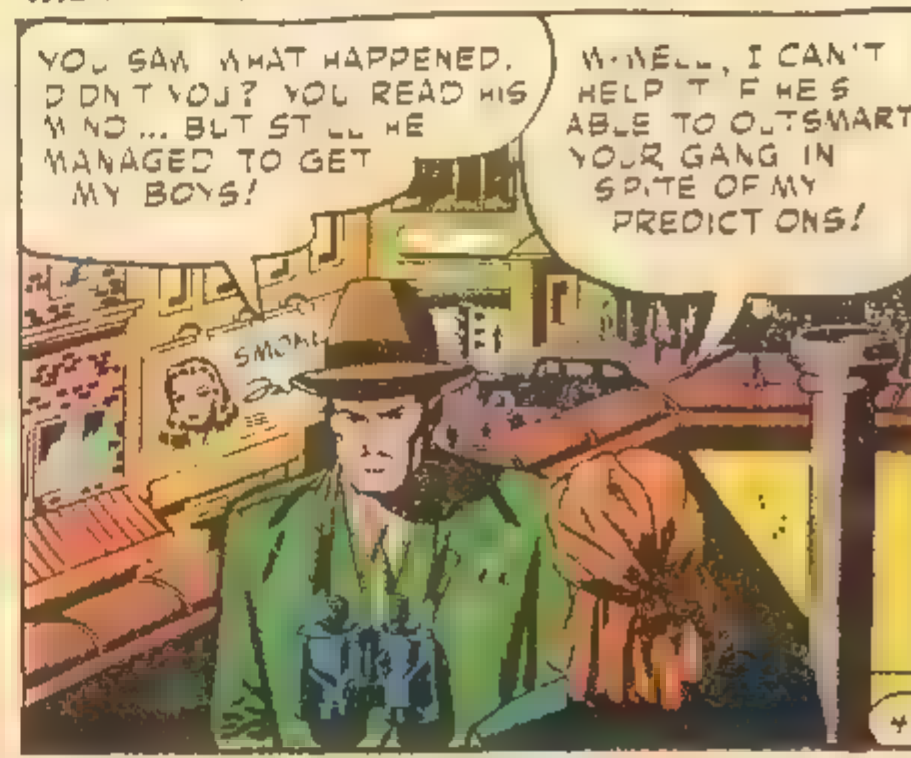
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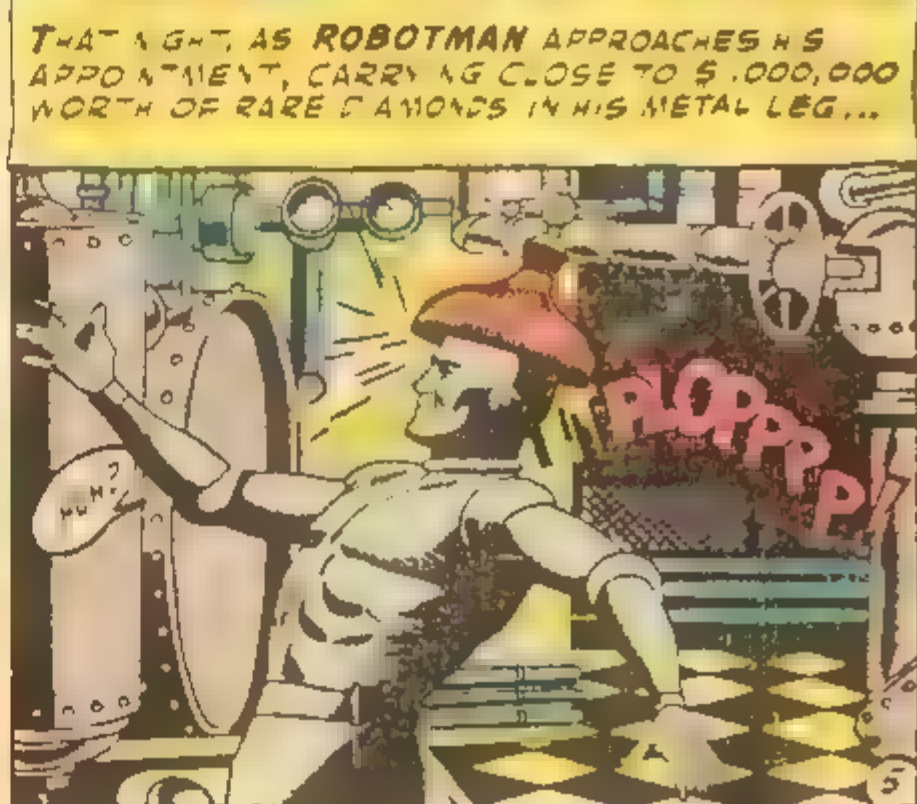
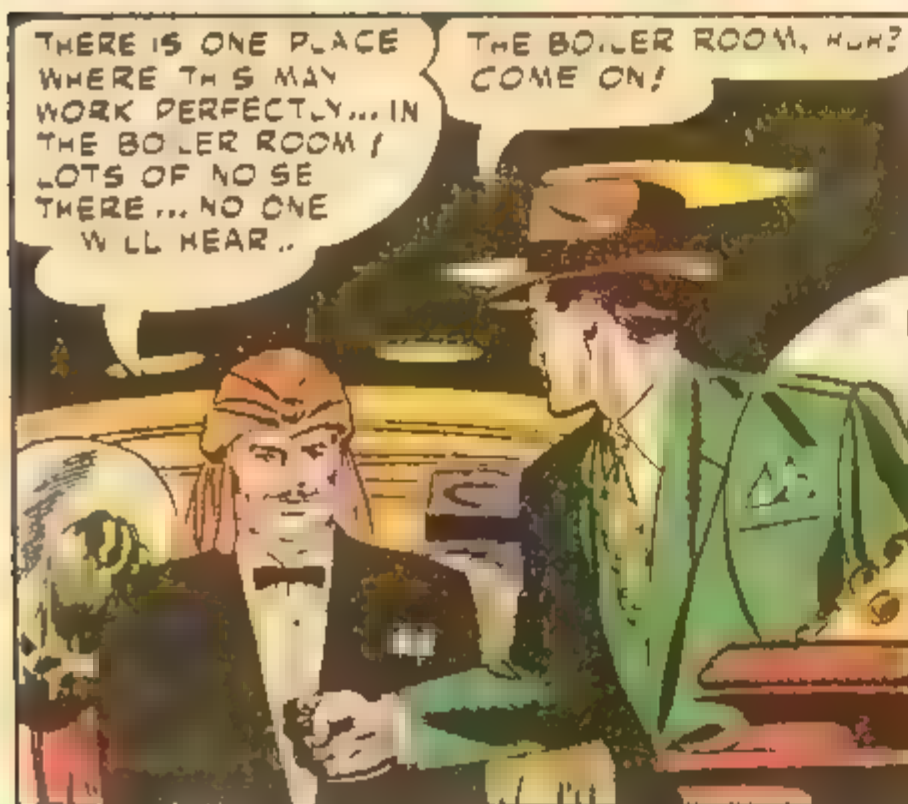
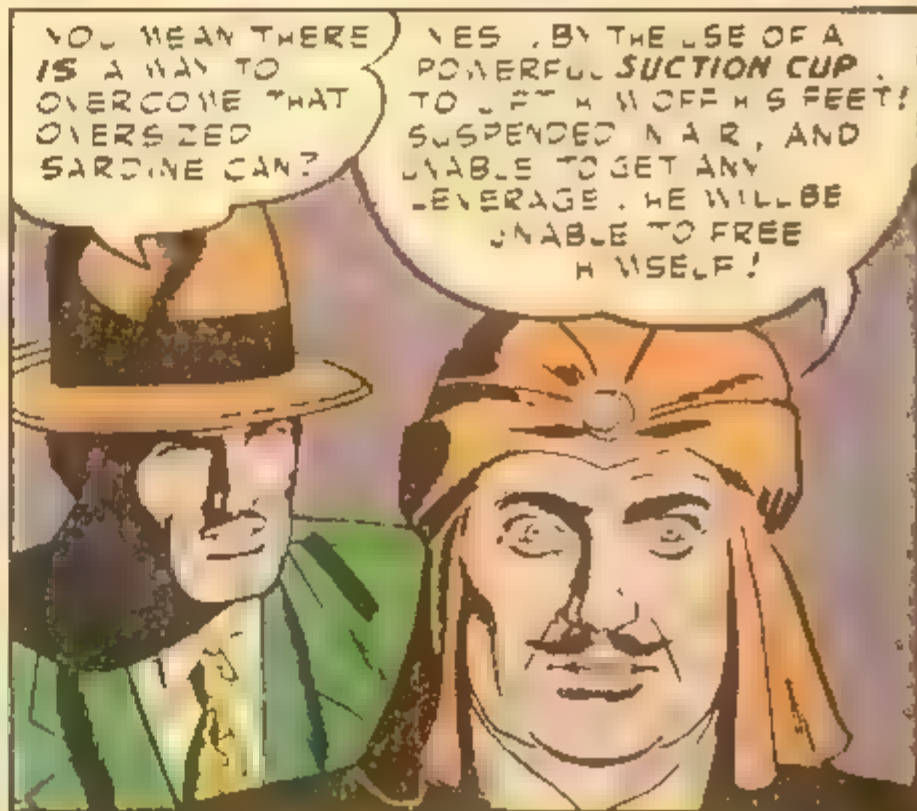
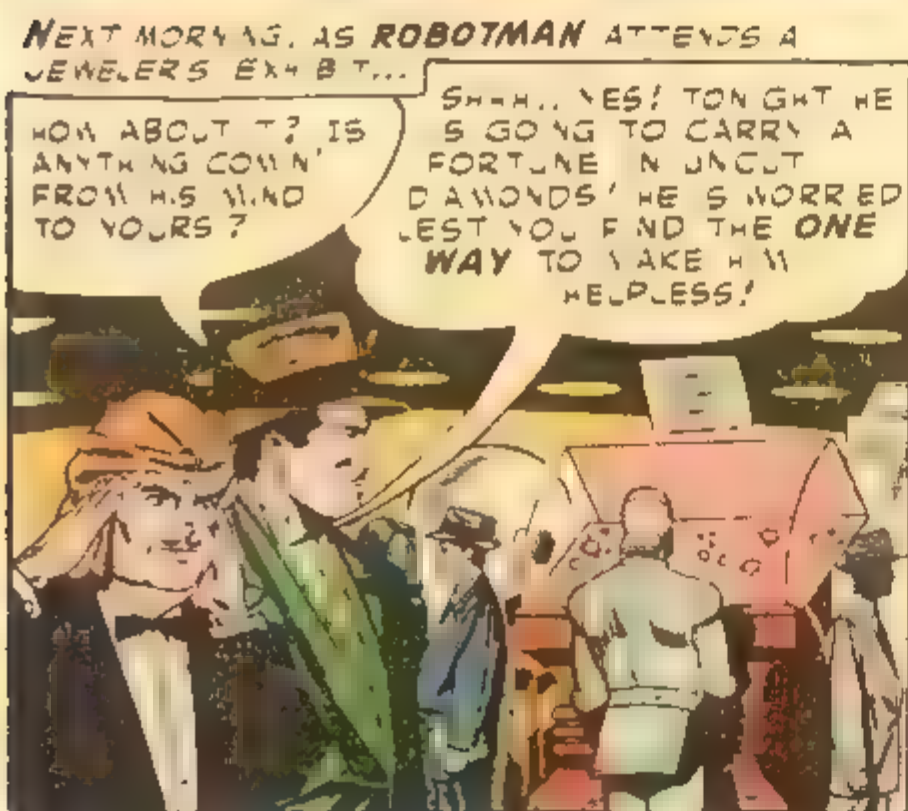
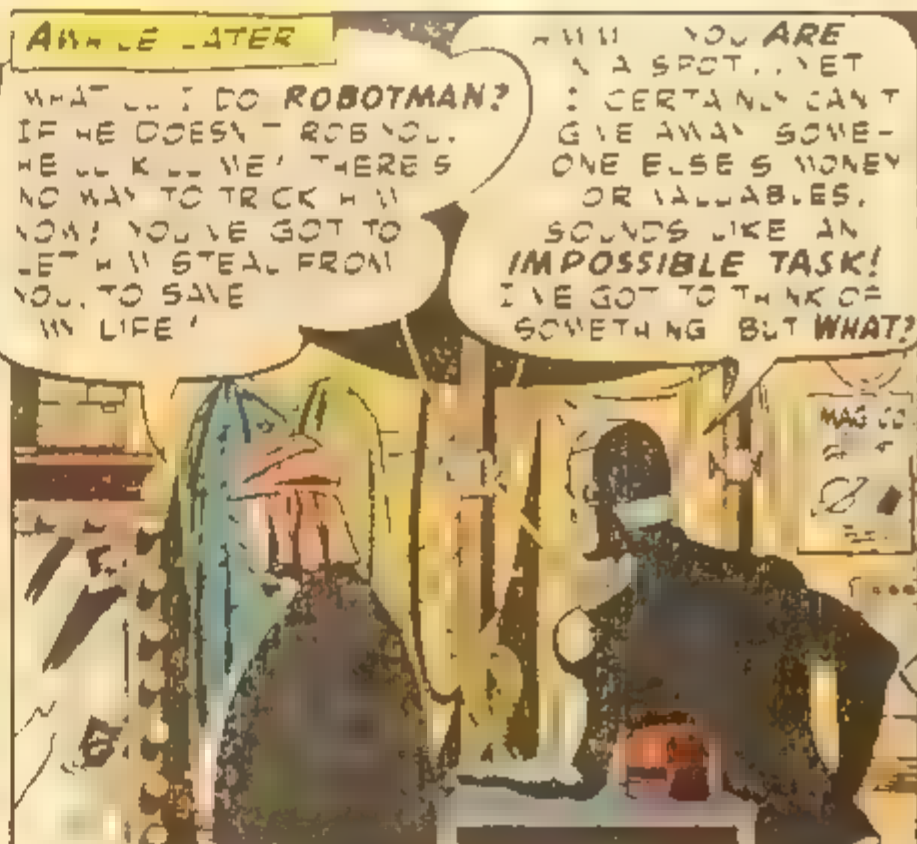


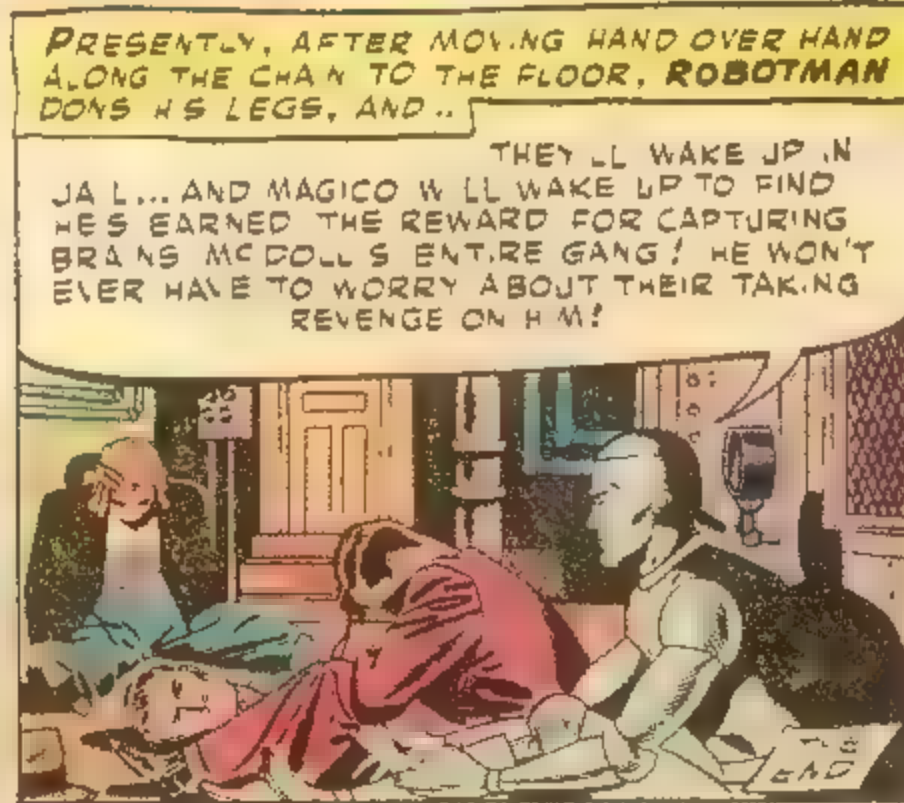
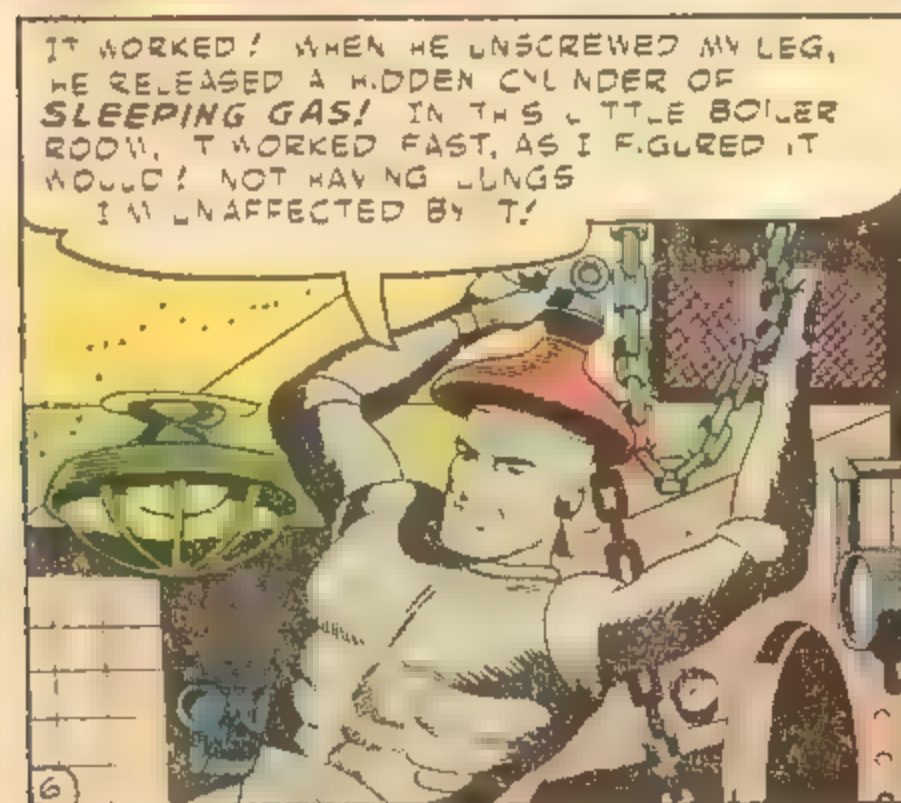
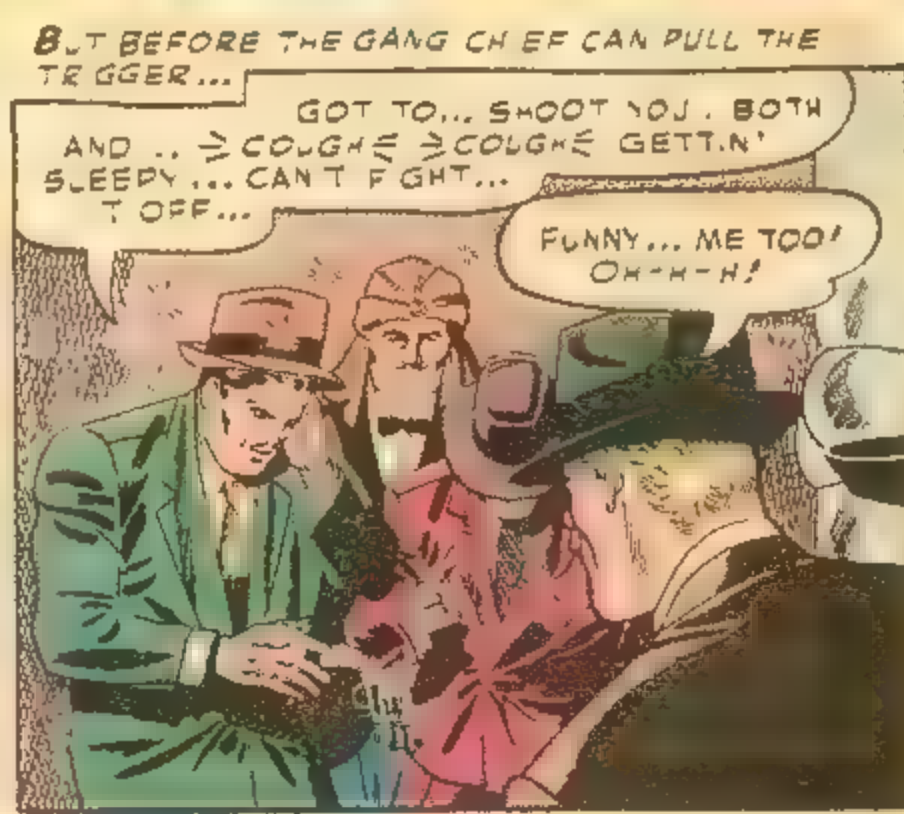
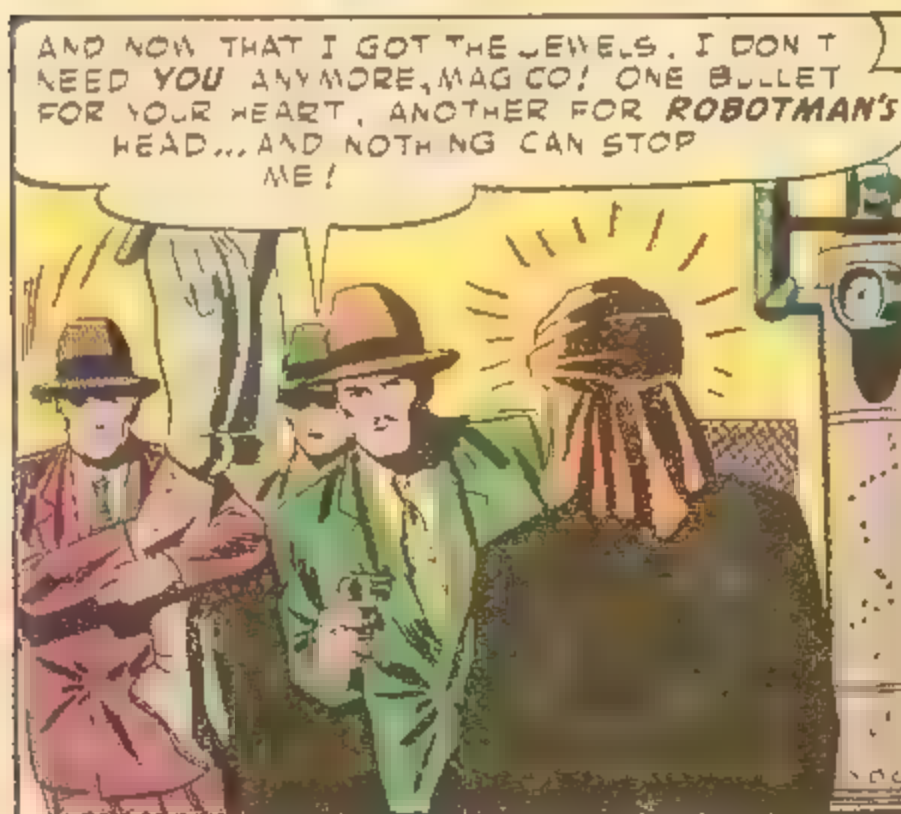
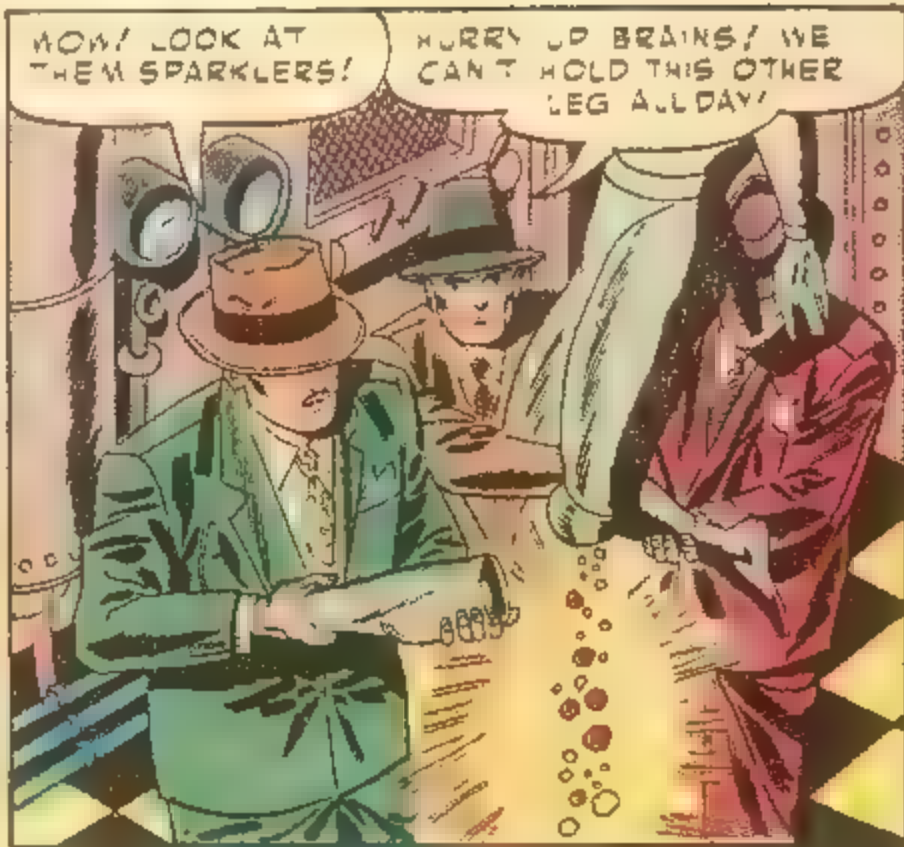
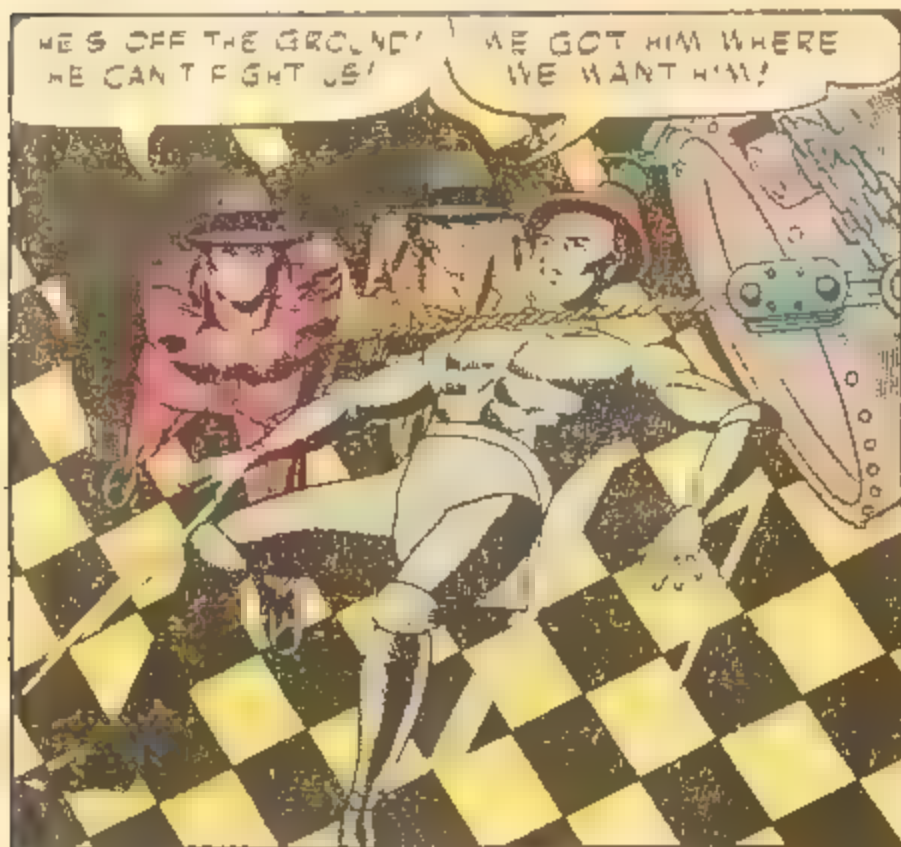
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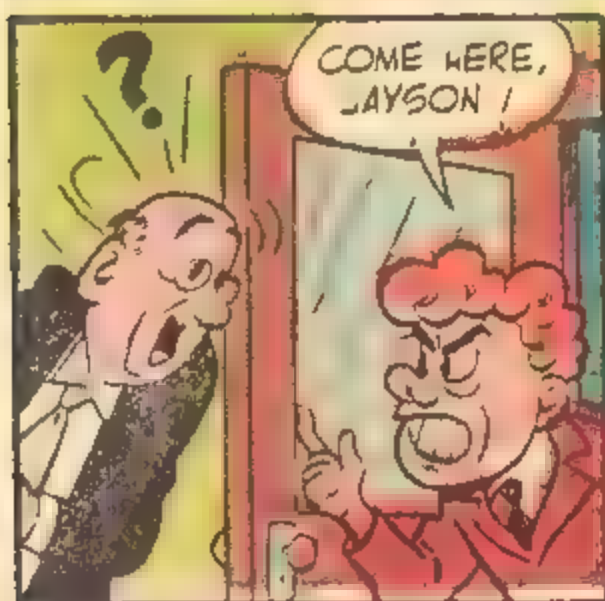
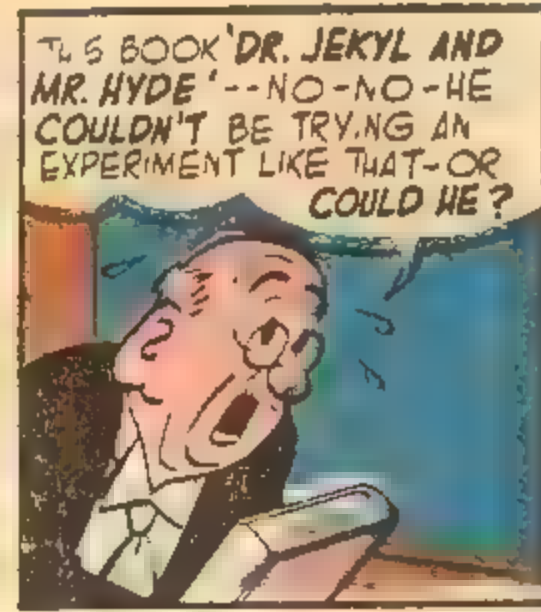
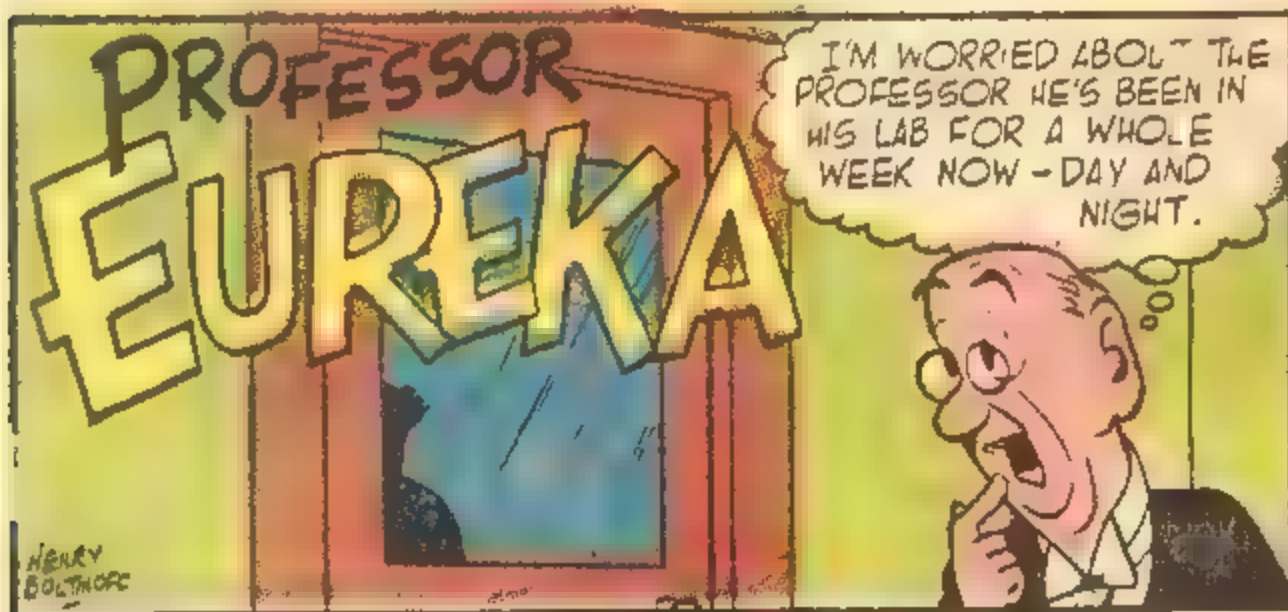
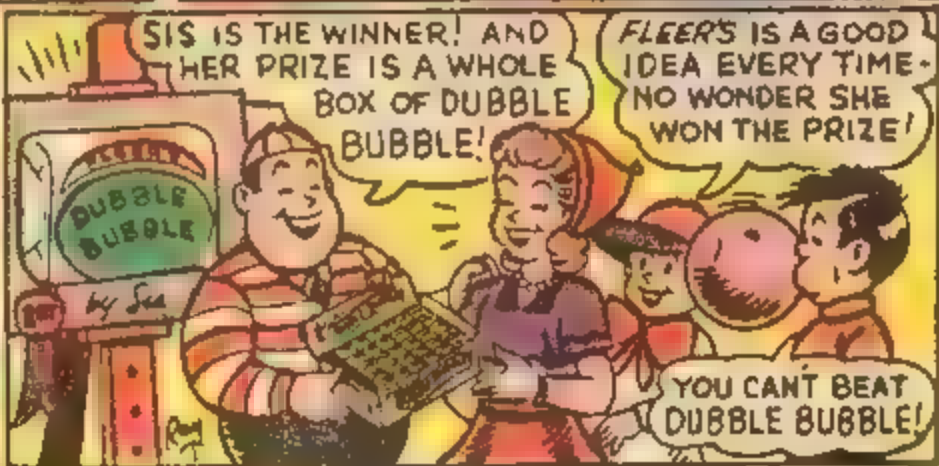
YOU SAW WHAT HAPPENED.
DIDN'T YOU? YOU READ HIS
MIND ... BUT STILL HE
MANAGED TO GET
MY BOYS!

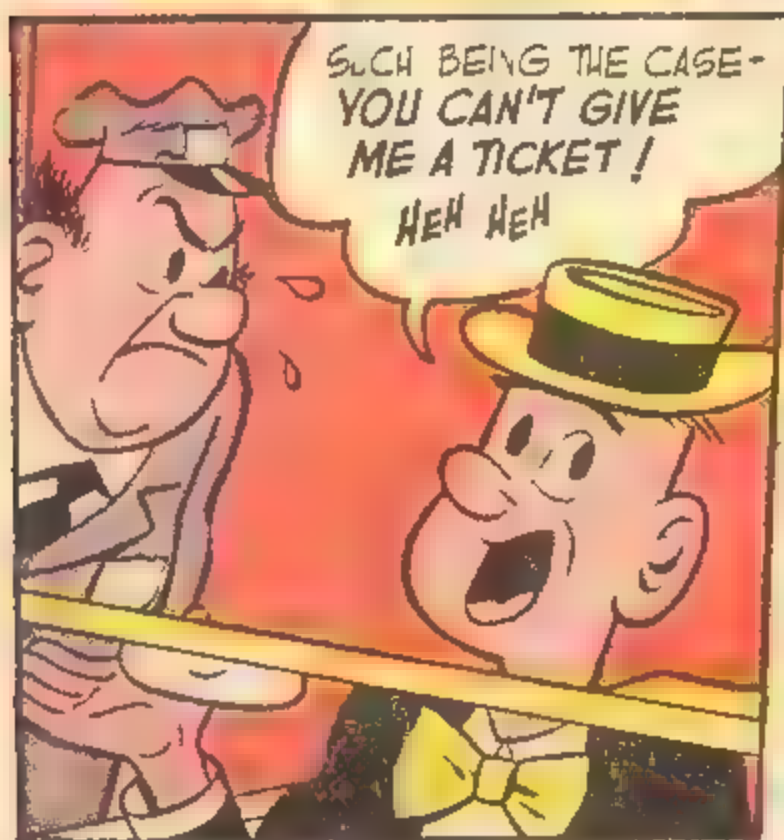
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HELP IT IF HE'S
ABLE TO OUTSMART
YOUR GANG IN
SPITE OF MY
PREDICTIONS!













FROM ARROW POISON TO MANKIND'S BOON



THE man who first brought tobacco to Europe, Sir Walter Raleigh, also brought back tales of poisoned arrows so lethal, a mere scratch was said to bring certain death. Today, you may very likely thank this century-old discovery of Indians in the jungles of the Amazon for your prompt recovery.

How American scientists saw in the black, pungent syrup with which these Indians poisoned their arrow tips a drug of benefit to mankind, how they isolated the active ingredient, purified it, standardized it, is a story of interest to everyone likely to need the services of a surgeon and, for that matter, to an increasing number of other people suffering from a wide variety of afflictions.

Until recent years, one of the great hazards of surgery was the frequent ill effect of anesthesia. The administration of deep anesthesia often caused post-operative complications, nausea, shock, depression, heart-strain. Convalescence was seriously delayed, even if no significant harm was done. Surgeons thus have always preferred to avoid deep anesthesia.

Now, thanks to a recent discovery based

upon the Indian jungle brew, deep anesthesia is far less frequently necessary. Today, curare, used in conjunction with cyclopropane, ether or other anesthetics is found in operating rooms around the world. Injected immediately after the patient loses consciousness, a proper dosage of curare completely relaxes muscles except those controlling respiration and heart action. The patient sleeps peacefully but lightly while his relaxed body permits the surgeon to make an incision of minimum size and manipulate muscles without resistance. Many surgeons believe that cyclopropane with curare approaches the ideal in anesthesia.

Chief use of curare is therefore as an aid in surgery, but it is proving useful in a growing number of other fields as well. In general, it may be said that curare is useful in any situation where relaxed muscles are desired.

Psychiatrists, for example, welcome curare in the application of shock therapy. Many doctors find it of use in the management of poliomyelitis. Curare does not cure poliomyelitis, or fight the virus which causes it. But during the early stages permanent

crippling can often be prevented by massaging and exercising of afflicted limbs and muscles. Curare may be used to relax the spasm in the affected muscles and thus to make possible their manipulation without causing unbearable pain.

Other uses for curare include:

Lessening the severity of convulsions resulting from tetanus or lockjaw.

The diagnosis of myasthenia gravis, a disorder characterized by muscle weakness.

The treatment of certain nervous diseases.

The relaxation of muscles to facilitate the insertion of instruments for examination of body cavities.

Only a few years ago, when the American public first became aware of it, curare was a thing of romance as well as a "miracle drug." In its crude form, curare had been used by South American Indians on their blowgun darts to kill small animals and birds. It simply relaxed their breathing muscles to the point where these small creatures suffocated. Popular science writers seized upon the subject eagerly and wrote of "Indian arrow poisons" and "jungle drugs."

The first explorers of South America were exposed to its effects on the tips of darts and arrows aimed at them by inhospitable Indians. However, the explorers were fascinated by what they saw of the substance and took considerable pains to find out about it.

Sir Walter Raleigh, who brought tobacco to Europe, is also credited with bringing back the first specimen of curare in 1595. It was not until the late 1800's that any-

thing of any importance was known about curare. Investigators just couldn't get hold of the drug or its basic ingredients. Most of the South American Indians didn't know what they were using. The ingredients and the methods of preparation were closely guarded secrets of a few natives. Hundreds of years went by before a white man succeeded even in watching a bath brewed. But in 1812, it was established that curare killed by relaxing breathing muscles to the point where they ceased acting. Shortly after, botanists began to identify and classify various curare-yielding plants.

Another 75 years went by before progress was made. In 1935, Dr. Harold King of the National Institute for Medical Research in London, obtained from the British Museum a specimen of curare. From this, he succeeded in isolating the active chemical ingredient, a crystalline substance which he named *d*-tubocurarine chloride.

Meanwhile an American, Richard C. Gill, became interested in the potentialities of curare in South America. He came home with various specimens.

Chiefly responsible for the development of the first purified extract of curare available to the medical profession, Intocostrin, is H. A. Holaday. Holaday worked out the method for purifying crude curare.

But the story of curare is not yet ended. Scientists are continuing to work on it. New compounds have been discovered. Still further substances, new formulas, more derivatives are constantly being investigated.

In this one field alone lie significant promises for further conquests of pharmaceutical ease for ailing and suffering men and kind.

POW-WOW SMITH

INDIAN
LAW-
MAN

WHY DO DESPERATE OUTLAW TAKE SUCH A SYMPATHETIC INTEREST IN A SMALL TENDERFOOT FROM THE EAST, FASCINATED WITH HIS FIRST REAL INDIAN BOW AND ARROWS? THAT'S ONLY THE FIRST OF THE BAFFLING QUESTIONS THAT CONFRONT POW-WOW SMITH, FAMED SOUTHWESTERN AS HE FOLLOWS A DEVIL'S DANGER TRAIL AND TACKLES GRIM ODDS TO SAVE AN ADORABLE BOY.

"THE MYSTERY OF THE STOLEN ARROWS!"

ONE DAY AS TWO TENDERFOOT TOURISTS JOINED OVER A WESTERN TRAIL, MORE USED TO STEEL-SHOOD HOOFES THAN BALLOON TREES.

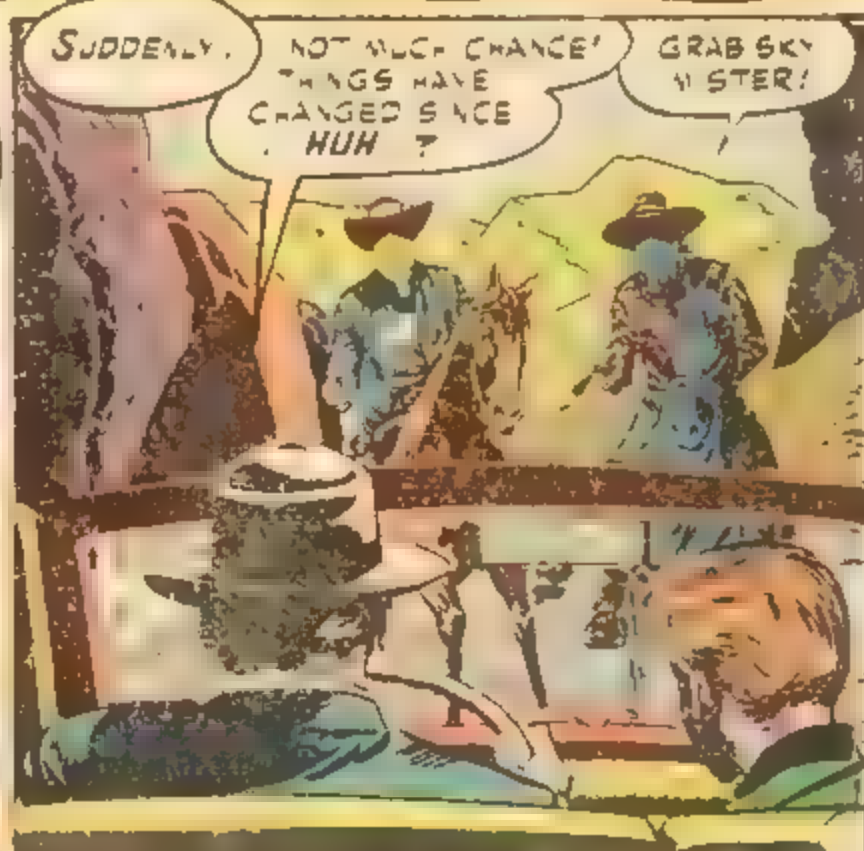
THIS IS THE REAL WILD WEST, JACK E. WHERE HOSTILE INDIANS AND OUTLAW PALEFACES MADE PLENTY OF TROUBLE ONCE!

IF THEY BOTHER US, UNCLE FRANK, I'LL USE THIS GENUINE INDIAN BOW AND ARROW YOU BOUGHT ME YESTERDAY!

SUDDENLY,

NOT MUCH CHANCE! THINGS HAVE CHANGED SINCE HUH?

GRAB SKY VISTER!



ABOVE THE TRAIL, AN UNSEEN RIDER PREPARES TO ENTER THE AFFAIR...

YIIIII! IT'S POW-WOW SMITH!

DEPUTY SMITH TO YOU! YOU'RE UNDER ARREST!

GOOD THING I SPOTTED THOSE ROAD-AGENTS BEFORE THEY SPOTTED ME! HA... THAT YOUNGSTER WAS PLENTY OFF-GUNTING SPR...

I'LL TAKE THEM WEAPONS, SON... BEFORE YOU ACCIDENTALLY HIT SOMEBODY AN YAKE EM MAD!



BUT AS DRY EARTH CRUMBLES BENEATH THE BRACED FORELEGS OF THE FAMOUS INDIAN LAWYAN'S HORSE...

NEVER MIND SHOOTIN'! HELP ME GET RID OF THIS ROPE, SO WE CAN LIGHT OUT!

G-GOLLY... WHAT A SHAME!



NOT MUCH SENSE IN CHASIN' THEM, SEEIN' SACHEW HAS A BRUISED SHOULDER. BUT I'LL REMEMBER THEM NEXT TIME WE MEET!

ANYWAY, YOU SAVED US FROM BEIN' ROBBED, AND YOU'VE GIVEN MY NEPHEW A THRILL HE'LL REMEMBER ALL HIS LIFE!



I'M FRANK TAYLOR, A LECTURER ON INDIAN HISTORY BACK EAST. AND THIS S JACKIE, WHO THINKS POW-WOW SMITH IS THE GREATEST INDIAN WHO EVER LIVED!

I'M NOT, JACKIE... BUT I'M FLATTERED!

GOLLY... I'VE READ ALL ABOUT YOU! YOUR SOUL NAME IS CHAYESA, WHICH MEANS THE WINNER!



AND AS POW-WOW ESCORTS HIS NEW FRIENDS INTO TOWN...

THE WEST'S STILL WILD, EH? ONLY THIS MORNING, BACK AT ANTLER FORKS, A DETECTIVE ARRESTED A SLECK-LOOKIN' FELLOW NOT THREE FEET FROM US!

ACTUALLY, WE HAVE LESS CRIME THAN MOST PLACES... BUT WHAT WE HAVE IS MORE NOT CEABLE!



TWO HOT AND DUSTY RIDERS, JUST OFF THE TRAIL, KEEP FURTHER WATCH NEAR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE...

NOW'S OUR CHANCE TO GET IT! NOBODY'LL NOTICE!

YORE CHANCE, YUH MEAN! I'LL WAIT HERE, SO POW-WOW DON'T RECOGNIZE THIS SHORT I'M WEARIN'!

AND AS POW-WOW MAKES HIS REPORT...

BANDTS? THOUGHT YUH'D CAUGHT EM ALL, POW-WOW, SO WE COULD CONCENTRATE ON THE SMUGGLERS, COUNTERFEITERS AN' OTHER MAYBECKS THE GOVERNMENT OFFICERS THINK MIGHT'VE STRAYED OUR WAY!

THESE TWO DON'T LOOK FAMILIAR, ALTHOUGH I'LL NEVER FORGET THE FANCY PINK SHORT ONE OF EM WORE!



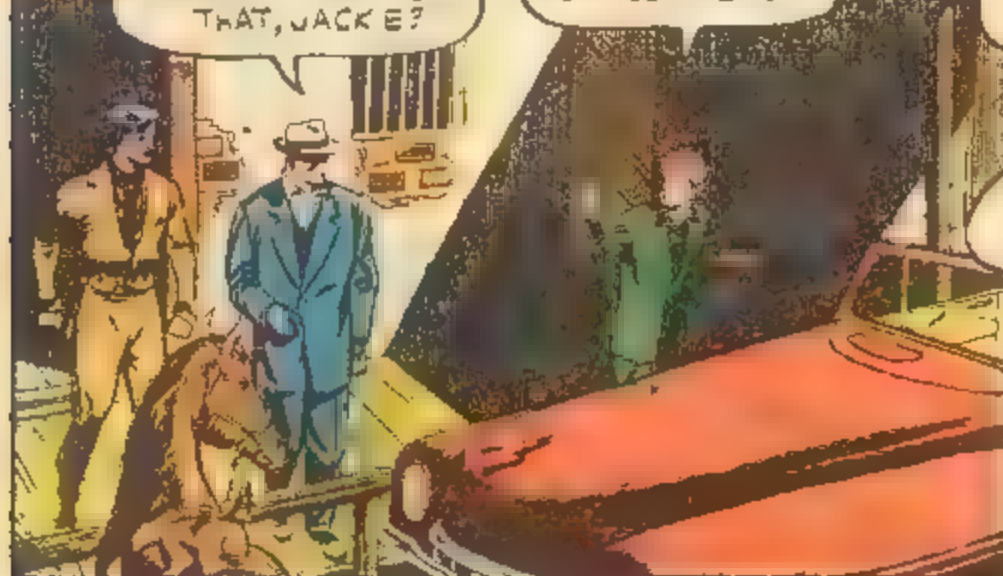
MOMENTS LATER...

IT'S LATE, SO I GUESS WE'LL STAY HERE FOR THE NIGHT!... WHAT'S THAT, JACKIE?

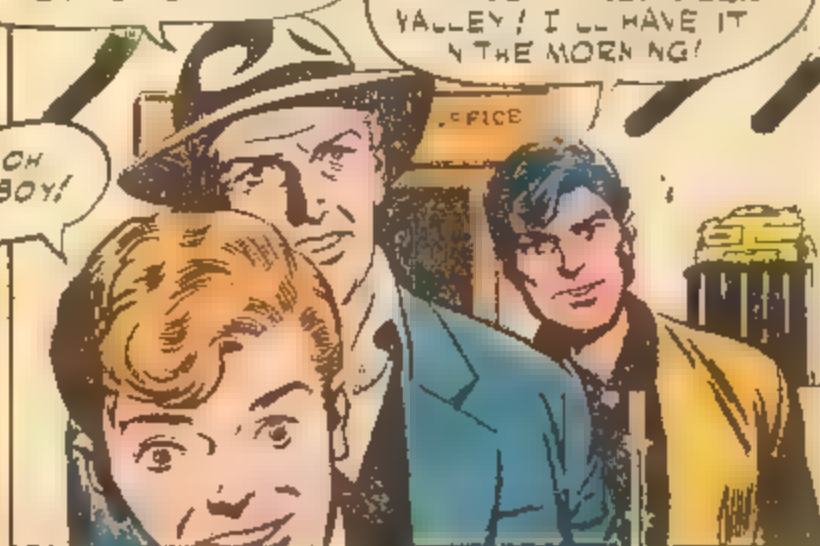
MY BOW AND ARROWS... GONE! THOSE BANDTS MUST'VE FOLLOWED US AND STOLEN EM!

NO SENSE! BANDTS WOULDN'T WANT THEM! SOME BOY MAY HAVE TAKEN THEM TO PLAY WITH!

DON'T WORRY! I'LL BRING YOU AN EVEN FANCIER SET, JUST YOUR SIZE FROM MY PEOPLE IN RED DEER VALLEY! I'LL HAVE IT IN THE MORNING!



OH BOY!



BUT AS THE SIOUX DEPUTY DEPARTS...

THE MORE I THINK OF IT, THE MORE IT SEEMS JACKIE COULD BE RIGHT! ONE BANDT WAS REACHING FOR THE BOW AND ARROWS WHEN I SHOWED UP! BUT WHAT WOULD OUTLAWS WANT OF ANYTHING LIKE THAT?

NEXT MORNING, BRIGHT AND EARLY...

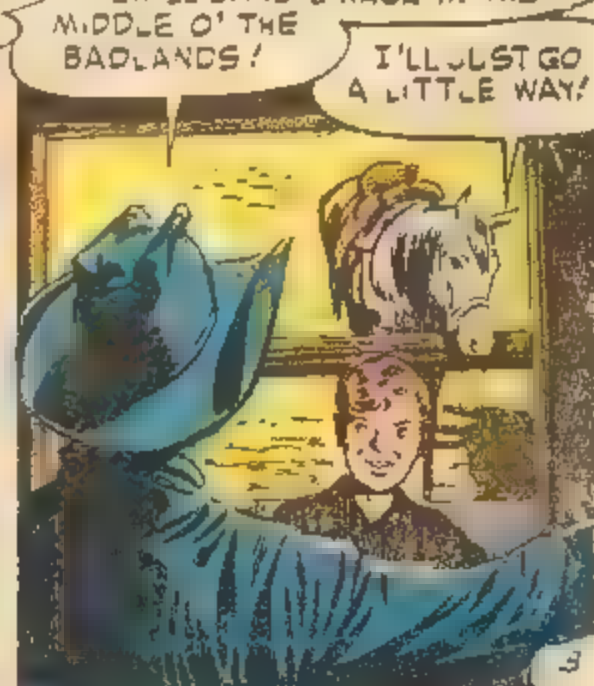
I'M FINISHED, UNCLE FRANK! CAN I GO TO MEET POW-WOW WHEN HE BRINGS MY NEW BOW AND ARROW?

I GUESS I'LL BE ALL RIGHT! THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE IS NEARBY! JUST BE CAREFUL NOT TO GET LOST!

BUT THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE ISN'T JACKIE'S FINAL STOP...

SO YUH WANT TO MEET POW-WOW? WELL, HE'LL BE IN ON THE TRAIL THAT BRANCHES NORTH AT THE EDGE O' TOWN! ONLY DON'T LEAVE THE TRAIL, OR YUH'LL LAND SMACK IN THE MIDDLE O' THE BADLANDS!

I'LL JUST GO A LITTLE WAY!



AND PRESENTLY, A MILE OUTS DE TOWN.

THEY'RE THE ONE'S WHO HELD US UP, AND STOLE MY BOA AND ARROWS! THE PINK SHIRT PROVES IT! NOW I CAN GET THEM BACK, AND HELP POW-WOW CATCH THE ROBBERS, TOO.



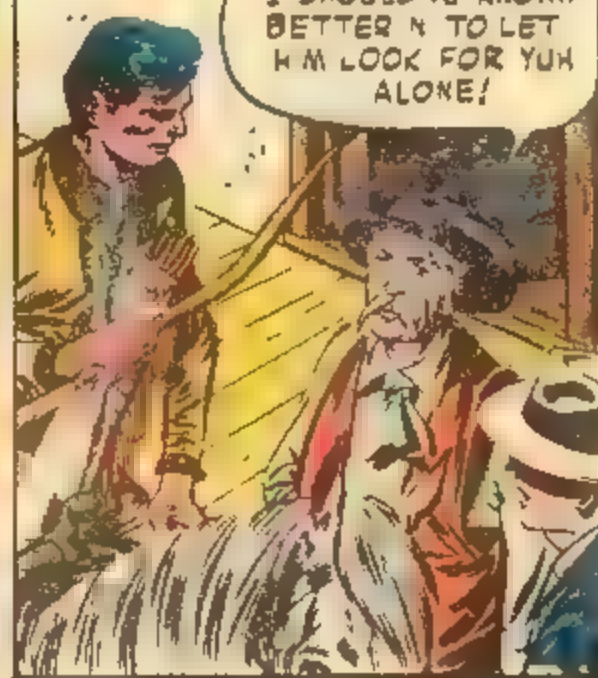
I'LL FOLLOW, JUST FAR ENOUGH BEHIND TO KEEP OUT OF THE R SIGHT, AND SEE WHERE THEY GO! THEN I'LL TELL POW-WOW, SO HE CAN ARREST THEM!



IN TOWN, AN HOUR LATER...

WAITING FOR THESE EXTRA TRIMMINGS MADE ME LATE! IS ANYTHING THE MATTER? WHERE'S JACKIE?

IF YUH HAVEN'T SEEN HIM, POW-WOW, I RECKON THE BOY'S LOST IN THE BADLANDS! I SHOULD'VE KNOWN BETTER N TO LET H'M LOOK FOR YUH ALONE!



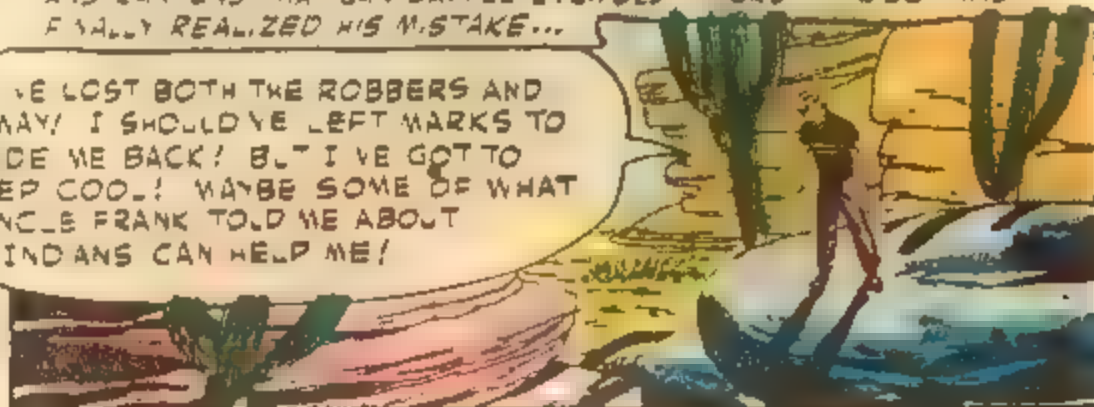
I WANTED YUH TO TRACE SOME COUNTERFEIT BILLS BUT... BUT THIS IS MORE URGENT! IF ANYBODY CAN TRACK A BOY OVER THAT GRANITE AN' LAVA, YUH'RE THE MAN!

TAKE THESE, TAYLOR! I'LL RIDE FAST, BEFORE HE WANDERS TOO FAR!

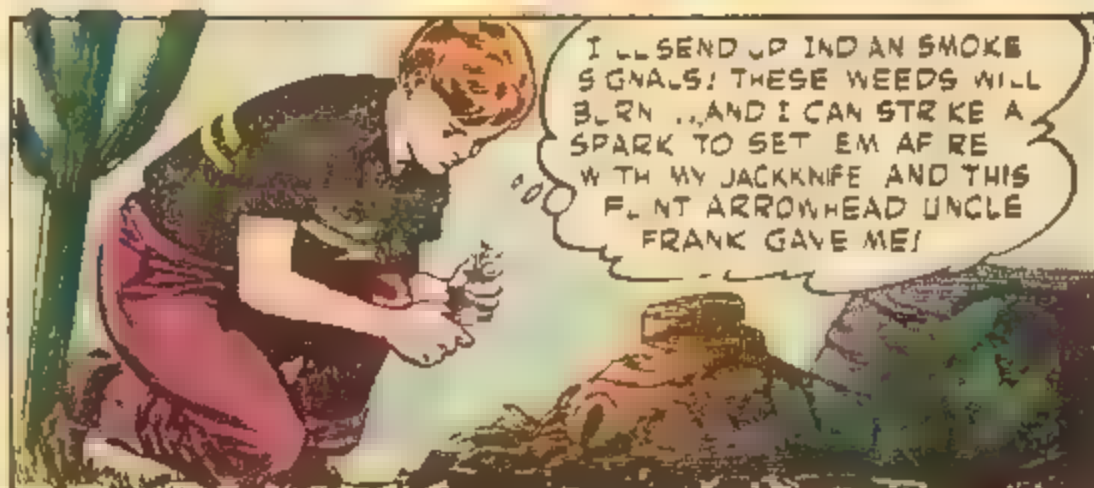


IN THE BADLANDS... A BEWILDERING JUMBLE OF BARREN RIDGES AND CANYONS THAT CAN BAFFLE EVEN OLD-TIMERS. THE BOY HAS FINALLY REALIZED HIS MISTAKE...

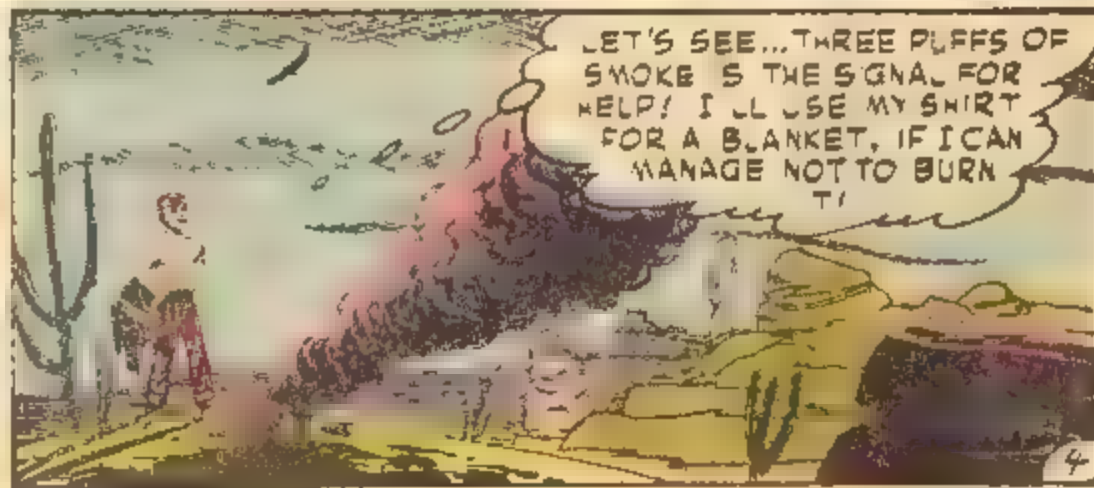
I'VE LOST BOTH THE ROBBERS AND MY WAY! I SHOULD'VE LEFT MARKS TO GUIDE ME BACK! BUT I'VE GOT TO KEEP COOL! MAYBE SOME OF WHAT UNCLE FRANK TOLD ME ABOUT INDIANS CAN HELP ME!



I'LL SEND UP INDIAN SMOKE SIGNALS! THESE WEEDS WILL BURN... AND I CAN STRIKE A SPARK TO SET 'EM AFIRE WITH MY JACKKNIFE AND THIS FLINT ARROWHEAD UNCLE FRANK GAVE ME!

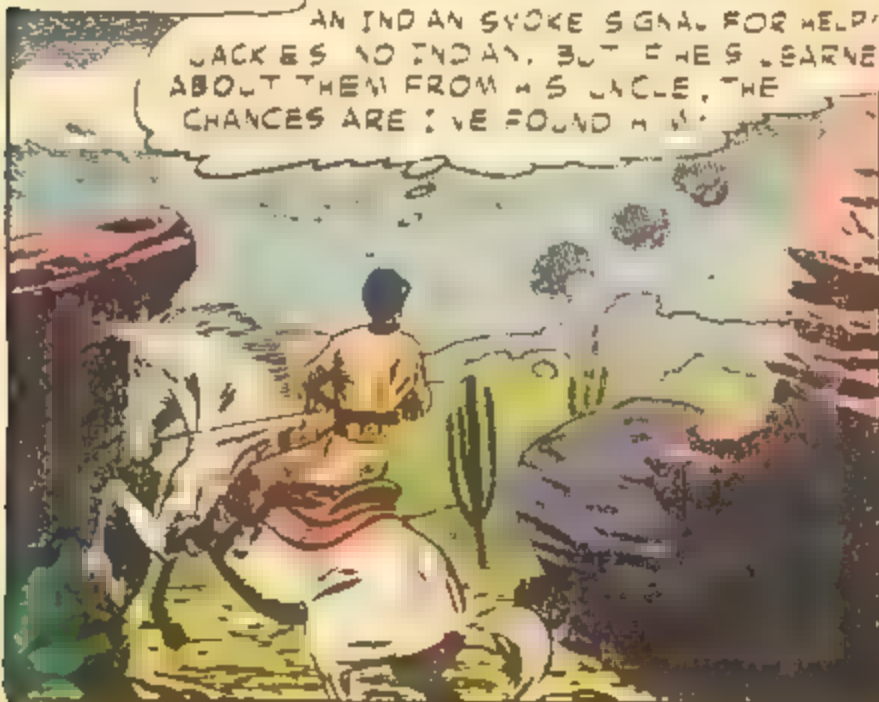


LET'S SEE... THREE PUFFS OF SMOKE IS THE SIGNAL FOR HELP! I'LL USE MY SHIRT FOR A BLANKET, IF I CAN MANAGE NOT TO BURN IT!



LATER, AS POW-WOW RIDES HIS HORSE, SEARCHING VAINLY FOR SIGNS IN THE WINDSWEPT SAND AND SMOOTH ROCK

AN INDIAN SMOKE SIGNAL FOR HELP! JACK'S AN INDIAN, BUT I'VE LEARNED ABOUT THEM FROM HIS UNCLE. THE CHANCES ARE I'VE FOUND HIM.



NOR IS THE LAWMAN THE ONLY ONE TO SPY THE SIGNAL! SUCH A PLACE WHERE A WATERFALL PLUNGES DZZLY INTO A GORGE

HOLD IT, WHO'S MAKIN' THAT SMOKE-TALK SO CLOSE TO OUR HIDEOUT?

INDIANS MAYBE... FRIENDS O' POW-WOW SMITH! WE BETTER TAKE A LOOK!

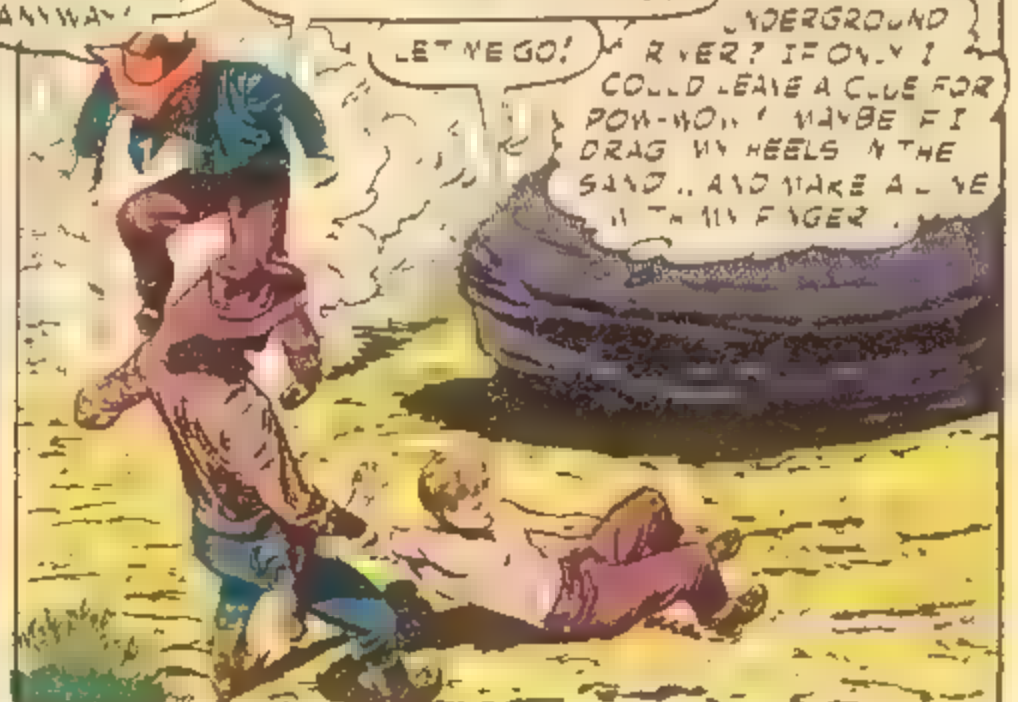


AND SO... THE CRAZY KID WHO TRIED TO SCARE US WITH ARROWS! WHAT'S THE IDEA, YUH LITTLE VAMANT?

YOU STOLE MY BOW AND ARROWS! I'M GOING TO HAVE POW-WOW SMITH ARREST YOU FOR THAT!

THERE! LIKELY NOBODY SAW THE SMOKE, ANYWAY!

JUST THE SAME, WE'RE TAKIN' THIS NEDDLESOME YOUNGSTER UP THE UNDERGROUND RIVER WITH US!



LET ME GO! UNDERGROUND RIVER? IF ONLY I COULD LEAVE A CLUE FOR POW-WOW! MAYBE I'D DRAG MY HEELS IN THE SAND... AND MAKE A VEE WITH MY FINGER.

WHEN POW-WOW ARRIVES AT THE SCENE

HE WAS HERE, SACHEM! AND SO WERE TWO MEN WHO DRAGGED HIM AWAY! WHAM! COULD BE HIS WORSE TROUBLE THAN WE THOUGHT! LET'S HAVE A LOOK AT THESE VEE'S IN THE SAND!



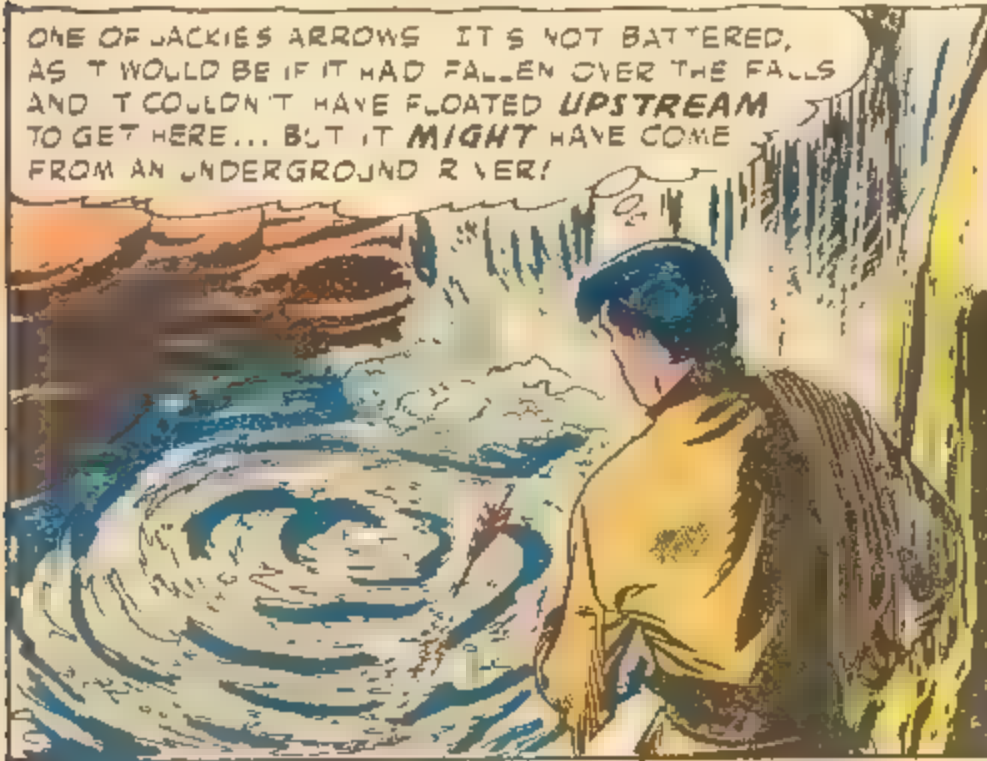
CLEAR AS WORDS, A MESSAGE STANDS OUT FOR ANYONE ABLE TO READ IT!

TWO WAVE LINES FOR A RIVER, AND A STRAIGHT ONE FOR THE EARTH! IF JACK E KNOWS HIS INDIAN PICTURE WRITING, HE'S TELLING OF AN UNDERGROUND RIVER! THE NEAREST LOGICAL PLACE FOR ONE WOULD BE IN THE WHITE SNAKE FALLS GORGE!

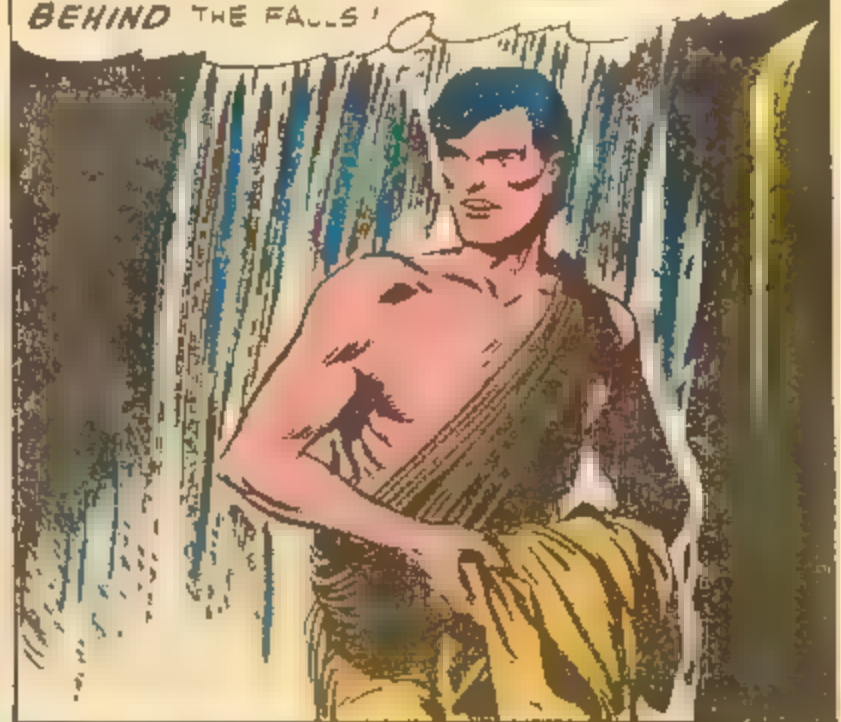


BELOW WHITE SNAKE FALLS, A FAMILIAR ARROW SPINS IN A WHIRLPOOL...

ONE OF JACKIE'S ARROWS. IT'S NOT BATTERED, AS IT WOULD BE IF IT HAD FALLEN OVER THE FALLS AND IT COULDN'T HAVE FLOATED **UPSTREAM** TO GET HERE... BUT IT **MIGHT** HAVE COME FROM AN UNDERGROUND RIVER!

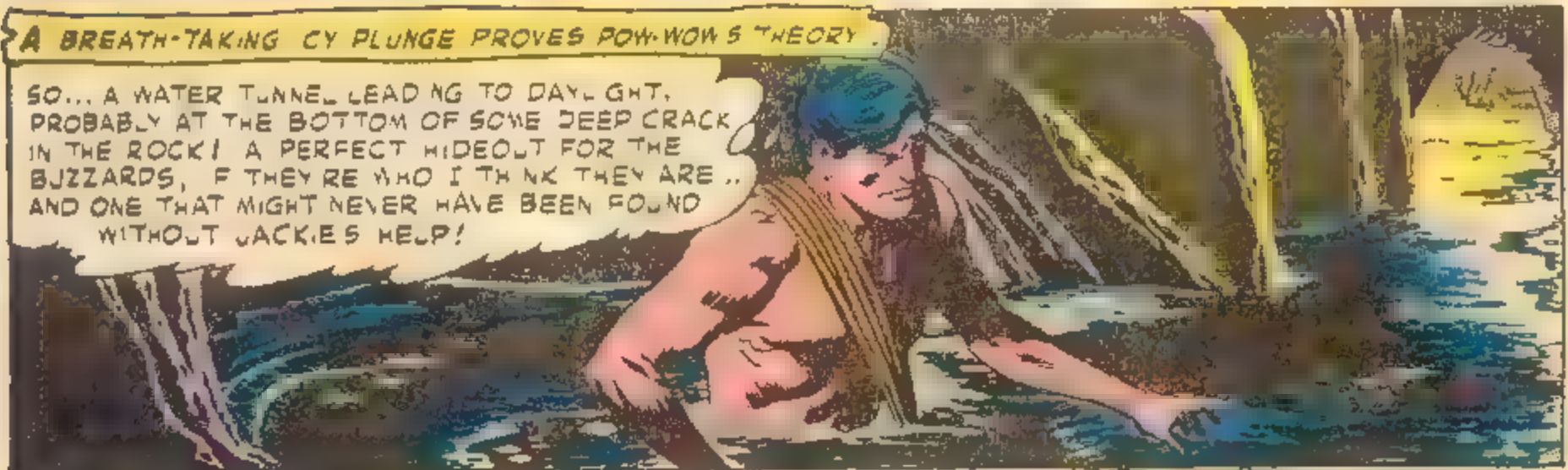


AND THE LOGICAL PLACE FOR SUCH A RIVER, FORMATIONS LIKE THIS WHERE THE GRANITE HAS BENT AND CRACKED LENGTHWISE, IS **BEHIND** THE FALLS!



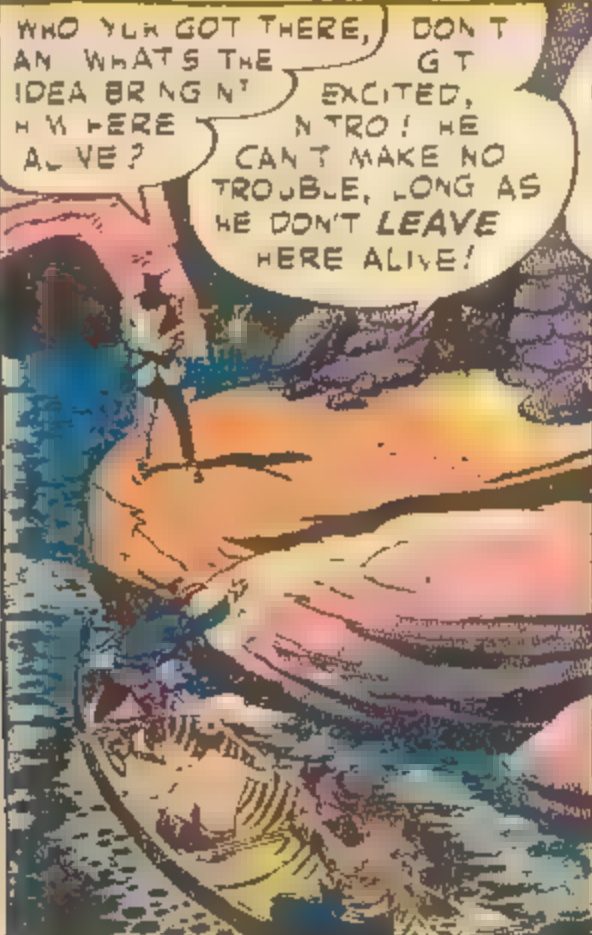
A BREATH-TAKING DIVE PLUNGE PROVES POW-WOW'S THEORY.

SO... A WATER TUNNEL LEADING TO DAYLIGHT, PROBABLY AT THE BOTTOM OF SOME DEEP CRACK IN THE ROCK! A PERFECT HIDEOUT FOR THE BUZZARDS, IF THEY'RE WHO I THINK THEY ARE... AND ONE THAT MIGHT NEVER HAVE BEEN FOUND WITHOUT JACKIE'S HELP!



MEANWHILE, JACKIE HAS ALREADY REACHED DAYLIGHT AT THE OTHER END OF THE TUNNEL... IN A CANOE.

WHO YOU GOT THERE, DON'T AN' WHATS THE IDEA BRINGIN' 'EM HERE ALIVE? CAN'T MAKE NO TROUBLE, LONG AS HE DON'T LEAVE HERE ALIVE!



AND AS THE SLOLY MANHUNTER LETS HIMSELF CAUTIOUSLY OUT OF THE TUNNEL...

YOU BETTER NOT HURT ME! POW WOW SMITH WILL MAKE YOU SORRY!

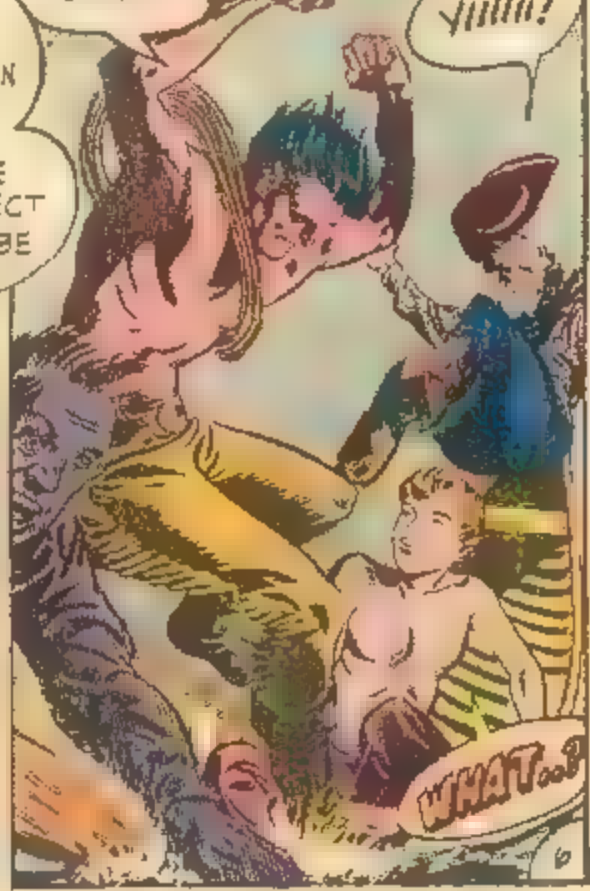


HAW! WE WON'T WORRY BOUT THAT INJUN TILL WE SEE HIM!

JACKIE'S SAFETY IS THE FIRST CONSIDERATION... AND IF ONLY THE THREE CROOKS ARE HERE, A DIRECT ATTACK WILL BE BEST!

SUDDENLY...

IT'S ALL RIGHT, JACKIE! TAKE A DEEP BREATH... AND STICK CLOSE TO ME!



YIPPEE!

WHAT?

SWIMMING UNDER WATER, POW-WOW FIGHTS HIS WAY UP-
STREAM...AND WHEN HE COMES UP FOR AIR, WITH JACKIE
BESIDE HIM...

IT WAS THE
REDSKIN, HIM AN' THE KID
ARE PROBABLY HALFWAY
THROUGH THE TUNNEL ON
THEIR WAY OUT!

CONSERVED SHOOTIN'
IRON'S TOO
WET TO } SHO
FIRE! } THAN YOUR

DON'T
SHOW MORE
THAN YOUR NOSE ABOVE
WATER, JACKIE, AND
YOU'LL BE ALL RIGHT!

**GREAT SNAKES...
HE'S HERE!**

IN A MINUTE, I'M GOING
TO BE ALL OVER THE
PLACE!

CP 100

CLICK
CLICK

SO YOU MIGHT AS WELL LIE
DOWN AND TAKE IT EASY TILL
I'M READY TO ESCORT YOU
TO THE CALABOOSE!

WE GOT TO RUN
FOR IT! IT'S OUR
ONLY CHANCE!

NO USE! HE'S GOT US!

NEXT INSTANT, JACKIE IS THE ONLY ONE WHO SEES A FOURTH MAN STEP FROM THE STONE SHANTY AND TAKE CAREFUL AIM WITH A RIFLE. ...

THESE TWO WILL ALSO
BE QUIET TILL WE'RE
READY TO
GO!

POW-WOW WILL BE KILLED
IF I DON'T DO SOMETHING!

DON'T YOU DARE
SHOOT POW-WOW!

OH, OH... ANOTHER ONE!

CRACK



WOW!
I'LL BET
NOBODY
ELSE ALIVE
COULD DO
THAT!

IT'S NOT SO HARD...
JUST CLUMSY... BUT
THERE WAS NOTHING
ELSE HANDY TO
THROW! ANYWAY,
I FIGURED, EVEN IF
I MISSED, THE PINK
SHIRT MIGHT DAZZLE
HIM!

INSIDE THE STONE SHELTER, AFTER
THE OUTLAWS HAVE BEEN TIED,
POW-WOW EXPLAINS THE MYSTERY...

I THOUGHT SO! IT'S THE HEADQUARTERS
OF THE COUNTERFEITERS THE GOVERN-
MENT MEN HAVE BEEN AFTER! THEY'D
NEED A MORE
PERMANENT
HIDEOUT THAN
FOOTLOOSE
OWLHOOTERS!

AND LOOK... MY
BOW AND
ARROWS!



THAT FELLOW YOU SAW ARRESTED
IN ANTLER FORKS WAS BRINGING
PRINTING PLATES HERE!

BUT THEY WEREN'T
FOUND ON HIM...
BECAUSE HE
SLIPPED THEM
INTO YOUR QUIVER
WHEN THE LAW GOT
CLOSE!

SO THAT'S
WHY THEY
HELD US UP,
AND LATER
STOLE THE
QUIVER
FROM THE
CAR!



LATER, IN THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE...

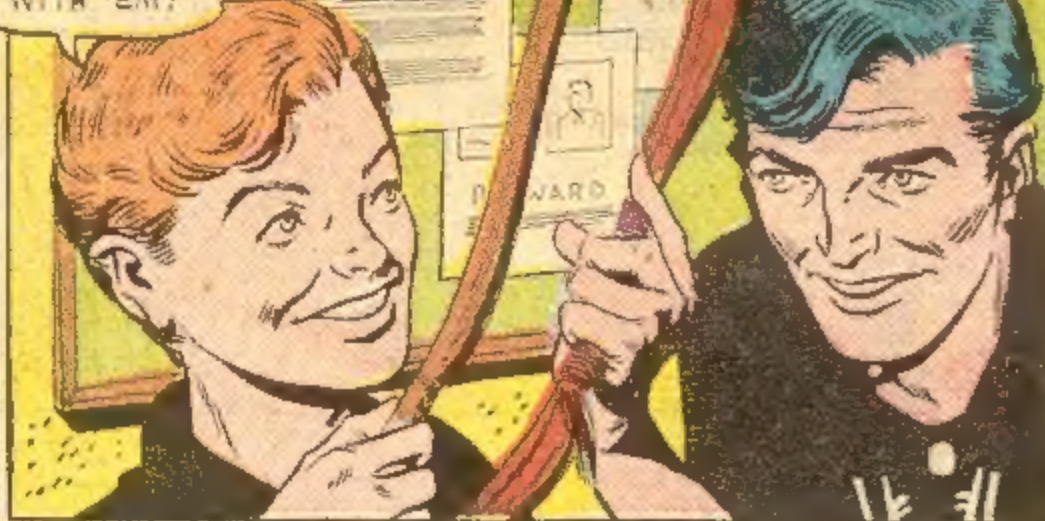
GLORY BE, POW-WOW...
TO THINK YUH GOT
THE COUNTERFEITERS
AN' THE EVIDENCE!

AND
JACKIE,
THANK
GOODNESS!

AND MY
BOW
AND
ARROWS!

'COURSE, THEY'RE NOTHING
LIKE THE SWELLONES
YOU BROUGHT ME... BUT
JUST THE SAME, I'M GLAD
THEY DIDN'T GET AWAY
WITH 'EM!

A BUSY YOUNG WARRIOR
LIKE YOU SHOULD ALWAYS
HAVE AN EXTRA SET FOR
EMERGENCIES, JACKIE!

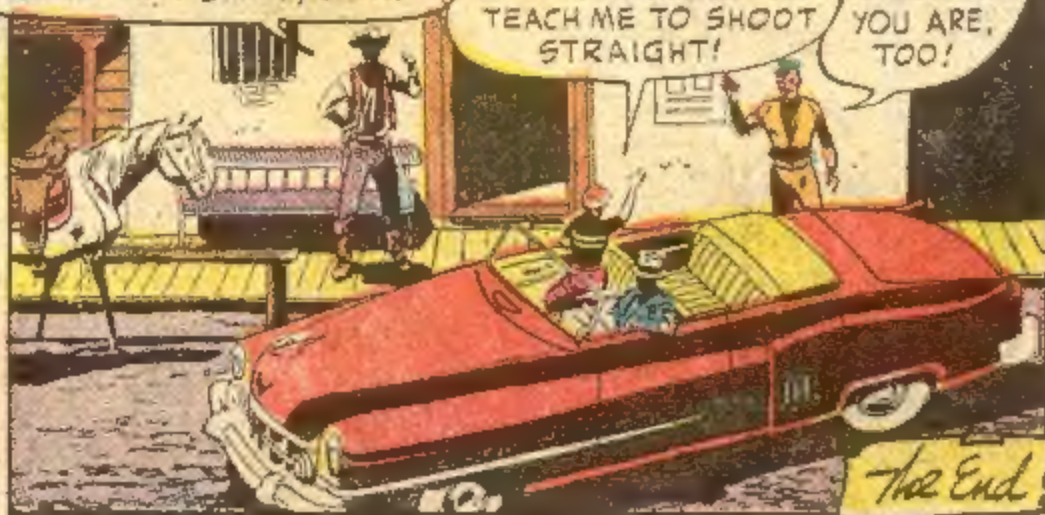


AND AS THE TWO SOMEWHAT TOUGHENED TENDERFOOT
TOURISTS PROCEED ON THEIR WAY...

YORE SHARE O' THE REWARD'LL
BE WAITIN' WHEN YUH STOP ON
YORE WAY BACK, SON!

AND
EVEN BETTER,
POW-WOW
PROMISED TO
TEACH ME TO SHOOT
STRAIGHT!

I'M LOOKING
FORWARD
TO IT AS
MUCH AS
YOU ARE,
TOO!



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WE ALL KNOW
THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS THE
SUPERNATURAL... WE KNOW
THERE'S ALWAYS A LOGICAL
EXPLANATION FOR WHAT SEEMS
TO BE WEIRD AND GLOOMY
AND UNEXPLAINABLE....



BUT IT'S FUN TO SEARCH
THROUGH THE MYSTERIOUS
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ENJOY THEM!

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GIVEN!

BOYS! GIRLS! LADIES! MEN!

WE GIVE YOU CASH OR PREMIUMS!

LAST WEEK HE TOOK A NEW AIR RIFLE IN THAT CAVE.

GEE! A NEW BIKE!

WHERE'S SPIKE GET THAT STUFF?

GRAY SHADOW HAS GOT TO TRAIL HIM!

I'LL BUY 2 BOXES OF WHITE CLOVERINE BRAND SALVE, SPIKE! IT'S WONDERFUL... AND THESE ART PICTURES YOU GIVE ARE LOVELY!

THANKS, MRS. JONES! THAT MAKES 10 BOXES I'VE SOLD THIS MORNING. IT'S EASY!

UGH! PALE SQUAW GIVE-UM WAMPUM!

HIM STOP 4 WIGWAMS-SQUAWS GIVE-UM MUCH WAMPUM-

LOOK! A REAL WATCH TOO!

MAKE HIM TALK!

I CONFESS, KIDS - I GOT ALL THESE PREMIUMS JUST FOR SELLING WHITE CLOVERINE BRAND SALVE...NEXT WEEK I'M GETTING A CAMERA, IT'S A CINCH!

BOY! I'M SENDING IN THAT COUPON RIGHT AWAY!

ME TOO! I WANT A RADIO!

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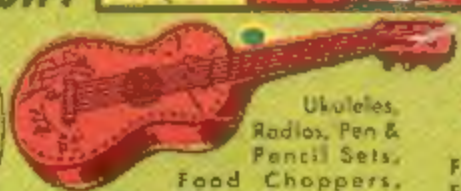
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